

Worries over INF admitted by Gorbachov

Congressional leaders offer broad backing

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, in an unprecedented admission of domestic opposition to the new arms control treaty, yesterday told congressional leaders that many Soviet citizens thought it would hurt national security.

He said he would have to work hard to win the support of the Soviet public and the Supreme Soviet.

"Perhaps for the first time in history, the process of ratification in our own country will not go through as easily as it has in the past."

Mr Gorbachov had been surprised by Soviet and Western public opinion polls, which showed that half the Soviet population — despite a "great deal of desire for peace"

— had doubts about the treaty, believing it to be detrimental to Soviet security.

Many people asked why Moscow was giving up four or five times more weapons than Washington if the two superpowers already had parity.

Mr Gorbachov called for — and received — broad support

headed by Mrs Rozanne Ridgway, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, and Mr Aleksandr Bessmertnyk, a Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, was also due to report on Nicaragua, southern Africa and the Gulf, where the US is urging Moscow to join in a United Nations arms embargo against Iran.

In an unprecedented move, Marshal Akhromyev yesterday toured the Pentagon, together with Mr Frank Carlucci, the new US Secretary of Defence. He was shown the command centre and the secret "tank" — the room where decisions are taken in emergency.

Mr Gorbachov yesterday had lunch at the State Department with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, who has been holding talks with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, while their two leaders meet.

At the White House banquet on Tuesday, President Reagan again spoke of the superpowers' responsibility for peace, and said the two countries found themselves "involved in a dramatic march of events that has captured the attention of our two peoples and the entire world".

He noted that the two countries had moved toward a new period in their history since he met Mr Gorbachov in Geneva in 1985. But Mr Reagan insisted their relationship was not founded just on arms control — "but reaches across a broad spectrum of issues" — a relationship that addresses the basic problems of self-determination in the areas of regional conflicts and human rights.

In reply, Mr Gorbachov said the winter in their relations was ending. The Russian word *perestroika* could be applied to the process of rethinking the realities of the nuclear and space age. "The problems of today's world will not be solved through old approaches," he said. "And he repeated his goal of a nuclear-free world. "The road leading to it is difficult and thorny, but, with new thinking, it is attainable."

● First Ladies meet: Mrs Raisa Gorbachov, viewed some treasures yesterday, frequently interrupting her tour of the National Gallery of Art to talk and joke with tour guides and journalists (AP reports).

Mrs Gorbachov later went to the White House, where she was greeted by Mrs Nancy Reagan. The two women first met at the Geneva summit in 1985 and had coffee on Tuesday. "So we continue our personal acquaintance," the Soviet leader's wife said.

The second working party on regional issues, bilateral relations and human rights.

£100m drive to prepare students for industry

By John Spicer

Millions of pounds are to be spent over the next 10 years to prepare students in higher education for the commercial world.

The Government is to direct £100 million to universities, polytechnics and colleges to increase the supply of graduates with business enterprises.

Commerce and industry should put up another £25 million "in money or kind", the Government said. Business enterprises would be built into degree courses to

introduce students to life outside school and university. About 100 educational institutions will be taking part from next September, and £1 million will be made available to each by the Manpower Services Commission.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said: "This project is one of the most important we have yet launched in the course of our reform of education and training so as to make our provision second to none in the world."

More prosecutions should be launched against sportsmen and women involved in violent attacks on each other during matches, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board urged in a report published yesterday.

Players who allege they have been assaulted are asked to make greater efforts to involve the police.

Mr Michael Ogden, QC, chairman of the board said: "There is growing violence and if a crime is committed it ought to be reported to the police. We are not talking about the roughing up which is to be expected in a game of rugby."

"I am talking about the kind of situation on the football field in which

someone deliberately kicks someone and breaks his leg in a rugby scrum where someone brings studded boots across the face of someone lying on the ground or someone who punches someone and breaks their jaw."

Mr Ogden added that anyone taking part in rugby or football exposed themselves to the risk of injury but did not voluntarily expose themselves to the risk of being assaulted.

However the recommendation brings the board into conflict with the football authorities who are unhappy at the prospect of police involvement on pitches and believe they can best deal with players whose sporting rivalry erupts into violent assaults.

The board would clearly welcome the action taken at the Rangers versus Celtic football match in October when

Finger-wagging cricket row may hurt relations



Faisalabad protagonists: Mike Gatting, the England captain, waits gloomily on the dressing room steps as the Pakistani umpire, Shikoor Rana, considers the storm over his teacup. (Photographs: Graham Morris)

Zia is ready to save Tests

By Our Sports Staff

President Zia of Pakistan was reported last night to be prepared to try to persuade both England and Pakistan to resume the cricket Test series after the dispute between Mike Gatting, the England captain, and Shikoor Rana, one of the Pakistani umpires, had led to the abandonment of yesterday's play in at Faisalabad.

The British Ambassador in

Gatting profile 14
Leading article 17
John Woodcock 42

Islamabad, Mr Nicholas Barrington, was also trying to mediate, and last night the tour was still on even though it has brought the sport to its biggest crisis since the "Bodyline" series between Australia and England 55 years ago.

At Lord's, Alan Smith, secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board, said last night that Peter Lush, the England manager, had been conferring throughout the day with senior officials in England and had offered the Pakistanis the opportunity to resume play today (the scheduled rest day) to make up for the lost day.

Smith said the issue had been considered by the Cricket Council and "it was accepted that the manager should conduct the next step".

He added: "We have been talking to Pakistan all day and I have had five talks with Peter Lush and two with Mickey Stewart [the assistant manager], and one with Mike Gatting. We are keeping in touch, but we are 6,000 miles away and Peter is in the best position."

Lush, manager of the England team, travelled to Lahore yesterday in a vain attempt to talk with senior officials of the Pakistan Cricket Board. He hopes to open talks today with

Continued on page 24, col 6

12 They withdrew their umpires, Range, we could withdraw our GATTINGS...



Continued on page 24, col 3

Senior Tories voice growing fears over flat-rate poll tax

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government was warned by a group of senior Conservative MPs yesterday that if it forces through the community charge in its present form it will damage the Conservative Party and local government.

Ten members of the One Nation Group, including six former ministers, issued a comprehensive critique of the Local Government Finance Bill in advance of next week's second reading in the Commons.

This came amid signs of a substantial rebellion building up on the Conservative benches against the principle of the flat-rate poll tax chosen by the Government.

In an outright challenge the MPs, led by Sir Philip Goodhart, MP for Beckenham and a former defence minister, described the charge as impractical and unwelcome to staff and paperwork, and cast doubt on the Government's central arguments that it will be fairer and increase local accountability.

More than 30 Conservative MPs are believed to be ready to revolt against the flat-rate charge and instead back a "banded" charge based on people's ability to pay.

Yesterday a group of them led by Sir George Young, the former environment minister, tabled an unusual Commons motion, which could result in the principle of a banded charge being voted on by the whole House next Thursday night immediately after the two-day debate on the second reading.

He has tabled an instruction to the standing committee which will consider the Bill in detail urging it to consider basing the charge on ability to pay.

There are doubts over whether the instruction as drafted meets parliamentary rules.

But if it is chosen for a vote by the Speaker, and is supported by the Labour Party, the Government's massive majority will be heavily cut.

If it is not chosen it is known that some Conservative rebels will take the highly unusual step of voting against the Government on a second reading three-line whip.

Continued on page 24, col 3

Ridley signals rate cuts of up to 44%

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Rate reductions of up to 44 per cent were signalled yesterday by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, as he unveiled cash ceilings for 17 high-spending councils.

Ratepayers in Ealing, west London; Lambeth and Southwark, south London; Waltham Forest, east London; Middlesbrough, Cleveland; and Kingston-upon-Hull, Humberside, should all enjoy double-figure savings under provisional rate-capping figures announced by Mr Ridley.

The biggest reductions should be in Ealing (44 per cent), Waltham Forest (31 per cent), Middlesbrough (28 per cent), Lambeth (18 per cent), Kingston-upon-Hull (16 per cent) and Southwark (12 per cent). The biggest increase should be 12 per cent in Tower Hamlets, east London.

Mr Ridley told MPs that the overall effects of the limits was

an average reduction of 9 per cent in rate levels, equivalent to a cut of £140 million in this year's local authority bills.

Across the country as a whole, rate bills should rise by no more than about the level of inflation, he added.

Councillors in the rate-capped areas could refuse to set a legal rate, but after Labour's general election defeat and past traumas in areas such as Lambeth and Liverpool few are expected to want to risk surcharges and disqualification from office.

Mr Ridley also disclosed that he was making concessions to councils to help them meet costs of clearing up after the storms of October 16.

Grant penalties would be waived in the case of money switched from revenue to capital accounts and on debt charges incurred in repairing buildings.

Sportsmen urged to tell police about violence

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

More prosecutions should be launched against sportsmen and women involved in violent attacks on each other during matches, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board urged in a report published yesterday.

Players who allege they have been assaulted are asked to make greater efforts to involve the police.

Mr Michael Ogden, QC, chairman of the board said: "There is growing violence and if a crime is committed it ought to be reported to the police. We are not talking about the roughing up which is to be expected in a game of rugby."

"I am talking about the kind of situation on the football field in which

someone deliberately kicks someone and breaks his leg in a rugby scrum where someone brings studded boots across the face of someone lying on the ground or someone who punches someone and breaks their jaw."

Mr Ogden added that anyone taking part in rugby or football exposed themselves to the risk of injury but did not voluntarily expose themselves to the risk of being assaulted.

However the recommendation brings the board into conflict with the football authorities who are unhappy at the prospect of police involvement on pitches and believe they can best deal with players whose sporting rivalry erupts into violent assaults.

The board would clearly welcome the action taken at the Rangers versus Celtic football match in October when

a police report on a brawl on the pitch during the game has ended in four players being charged with conduct likely to provoke a breach of the peace. The offence carries a maximum penalty of three months' imprisonment or a £2,000 fine or both.

In its report the board says that in the past few years it had received "an increasing number of applications arising from violence among players, particularly during rugby or football matches."

But the board says many players made no report to the police making it difficult for them to decide whether an injury was caused by an assault or by negligent conduct which might have been nothing more than a foul.

Mr Ogden warned: "If players do

not report these things to the police they cannot expect compensation."

"We consider that it is in the interests of everyone that people who commit criminal offences on the playing fields should be prosecuted. Anyone who considers that an injury was caused by a criminal offence should draw the attention of the police to it."

The report adds: "Assaults upon players bring the game into disrepute and the governing bodies of all such sports have made it plain that they intend to do their best to deal severely with offenders in such cases."

The board says that delays in reporting alleged assaults gives the police less chance of establishing the facts and arresting the offender.

Mr Ogden warned: "If players do

INDEX

Summit	45
Home News	23, 78
Overseas	5, 11
Business	25-31
Sport	39-42
Appointments	32-36
Arts	20
Births, marriages, deaths	19
Books	27
City Diary	27
Count	18
Crime de la Crime	37
Crosswords	15, 24
Diary	16
Entertainments	22
Features	13-16
Health	13
Information	22
Law Report	38
Leading articles	17
Letters	17
Obituary	7
Parliament	3
Saleroom	3
Science	19
TV & Radio	23
Universities	19
Weather	28
Wills	18

Drug manufacturer offers secret deal to end Opren claim

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The 1,200 alleged victims of the anti-arthritis drug Opren were offered a secret settlement believed to total about £2.5 million by the drug's manufacturer, Eli Lilly, in the High Court yesterday.

The offer, which represents average payments of some £2,000 per claimant, was made on condition that the claimants stay silent about the terms of their award and abstain from any further campaigns against the company over Opren.

They must also acknowledge that in making its offer the company accepts no liability for the alleged side effects of the drug.

Mr Derek Anthony, a spokesman for Eli Lilly, said that settling the Opren issues was preferable to further litigation.

Outlining the offer, Mr Justice Hirst told claimants it was up to each of them whether to accept. But in a clear signal that they should do so, he gave a warning that unless the majority did accept, the settlement offer would break down.

He also warned those claimants on legal aid that if they rejected the offer "against legal advice", there was a risk their legal aid certificates would be withdrawn.

The terms of the settlement offer were also agreed by Government's Committee on the Safety of Medicines, who are joint defendants in the action.

Lord Chief Justice, to qualify for a special inquiry, funds should be provided so the issue of liability can be determined.

The Opren case has highlighted the shortcomings of the legal system in tackling large-scale damages claims. At one point one-third of the claimants were on the point of dropping out because they were not legally-aided and the judge had ruled that they would have to bear the costs equally with those on legal aid.

The emergence last June, however, of "fairy godfather" Mr Godfrey Bradman, who pledged to underwrite their costs, gave them the choice of being able to proceed with the case or negotiate a settlement.

A Royal Commission on Civil Liability was set up in 1978 under Lord Pearson which recommended the introduction of "strict liability". That means that claimants do not have to first prove a company was negligent; they just have to prove that the drug caused the alleged side effect.

The company's offer of a "full and final settlement", which is believed to include about £4 million to cover the claimants' legal costs, was outlined by Mr Justice Hirst in open court.

He said he had decided to take this "exceptional course" at the request of the solicitors in the "unique case" and reveal details of the offer without disclosing the figures.

The global sum is to be allocated according to the seriousness of each claimant's injury by the six leading firms of solicitors who have been co-ordinating claims, the judge said. It will then be up to individuals to decide to accept.

The six firms propose to recommend acceptance to about 200 other solicitors representing clients, the judge added.

He added that an arbitration scheme, which had the "express approval of the Lord Chief Justice", would be set up by the court to adjudicate on appeals by claimants not satisfied with their final award or by any of the 250 to 300 claimants who have been excluded from the settlement because they lodged their claims too late.

Another runaway price was achieved by Vincenzo Campi's "The Fruiteller", a version of a painting in the Brera Museum, with the addition of a coarse youth in the corner, scratching his ear. Estimated at between £30,000 and £50,000, it sold for £28,000, a record for the artist.

Other records included Ger-rit van Honthorst's young man *déshabillé*, gesturing with his wine glass, which sold for £176,000 to the New York dealer Zangrilli. The most valuable unsold lot, an interior scene by Pieter de Hooch which had been estimated by the auction house at £350,000, was bought in at £290,000, to be sold after the sale for £280,000.

At Phillips, the flying mementoes of Sheila Scott OBE, who broke 104 light aircraft world-class records from 1965 to 1972, fetched £3,754, somewhat less than the auction house had hoped.

The highest price among the trophies, pilot certificates and drawings was a Rolex wristwatch used by Miss Scott. Estimated at between £500 and £800, it fetched £750.

Meanwhile, over at Bonhams, erotica were selling at a premium, although some items, including a carved ivory phallus and a papier-mâché sculpture of a woman naked and bound, which had been estimated at £3,000, failed to sell.

An Empire gold and tortoiseshell box dated 1810 of which the cover has a secret hinged lid concealing "numerous gentlemen engaged in various pursuits within a bordello" sold for £2,500. It was one of 300 items that attracted bidders ranging from bashful private collectors to people in search of stocking-fillers.

The total for Sotheby's Old Master sale was £4.5 million with 24 per cent unsold.

Christie's London completed their sale of books and manuscripts, with respectable prices including that of £24,200 (estimate £17,000 to £20,000) for the *Tentamen Juventutem Studiosam in Elementa Mathematicos Purae*, by Pappas and Janos Bolyai - geometric theories by a father and son team of mathematicians. It sold to the book dealers Quaritch.

A copy of Skelton's *The Variation of the Armes and Badges of the Several Kings of England*, dated 1661-1692, including a full page showing the arms of Charles II, sold for £15,400 (estimate £5,000 to £8,000) to Spink.

Christie's sold 82 per cent of their London jewellery sale, achieving a total of £1.5 million. Top price was £110,000 for a diamond pendant distinguished by accompanying tassels, which sold for three times its estimate.

A rare 63-year-old Spanish car was auctioned for £100,000 at Aylsham in Norfolk yesterday.

The 1924 Hispano Suiza Coupé de Ville, in perfect running order with a current MOT certificate, went to an anonymous buyer. The auctioneers said the car was likely to remain in Britain.

Bidders came from America and Europe. The car was sold by Mr Leo Watts, aged 68, a garage owner who is retiring and whose family had owned it since 1930.



Miss Susanah Wade of Christie's displaying a tinplate toy of Charlie Chaplin expected to fetch up to £300 tomorrow.

Old Masters' new auction records

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

There were four records at Sotheby's Old Master sale yesterday, although the event was more low key than Phillips's sale on Tuesday, and than Christie's promises to be today.

The top price was a surprise: £330,000 for a still life of Oysters, Dishes and Sweetmeats by Oskar Reer the Elder (c1580-1623), which left its estimate of £40,000 to £50,000 standing. It was bought by Hoogsteder, a Dutch dealer.

Murillo's "The Vision of Saint Anthony", sent to market by Lord Rosebery, drew its lowest estimate, selling to an anonymous buyer for £308,000. The work, previously in the collection of Queen Christina of Spain, had been given as a wedding present to Hannah Rothschild when she married Lord Rosebery in 1878.

Another runaway price was achieved by Vincenzo Campi's "The Fruiteller", a version of a painting in the Brera Museum, with the addition of a coarse youth in the corner, scratching his ear. Estimated at between £30,000 and £50,000, it sold for £28,000, a record for the artist.

Other records included Ger-

rit van Honthorst's young man *déshabillé*, gesturing with his wine glass, which sold for £176,000 to the New York dealer Zangrilli. The most valuable unsold lot, an interior scene by Pieter de Hooch which had been estimated by the auction house at £350,000, was bought in at £290,000, to be sold after the sale for £280,000.

At Phillips, the flying mementoes of Sheila Scott OBE, who broke 104 light aircraft world-class records from 1965 to 1972, fetched £3,754, somewhat less than the auction house had hoped.

The highest price among the trophies, pilot certificates and drawings was a Rolex wristwatch used by Miss Scott. Estimated at between £500 and £800, it fetched £750.

Meanwhile, over at Bonhams, erotica were selling at a premium, although some items, including a carved ivory phallus and a papier-

mâché sculpture of a woman naked and bound, which had been estimated at £3,000, failed to sell.

An Empire gold and tortoiseshell box dated 1810 of which the cover has a secret hinged lid concealing "numerous gentlemen engaged in various pursuits within a bordello" sold for £2,500. It was one of 300 items that attracted bidders ranging from bashful private collectors to people in search of stocking-fillers.

The total for Sotheby's Old Master sale was £4.5 million with 24 per cent unsold.

Christie's London completed their sale of books and manuscripts, with respectable prices including that of £24,200 (estimate £17,000 to £20,000) for the *Tentamen Juventutem Studiosam in Elementa Mathematicos Purae*, by Pappas and Janos Bolyai - geometric theories by a father and son team of mathematicians. It sold to the book dealers Quaritch.

A copy of Skelton's *The Variation of the Armes and Badges of the Several Kings of England*, dated 1661-1692, including a full page showing the arms of Charles II, sold for £15,400 (estimate £5,000 to £8,000) to Spink.

Christie's sold 82 per cent of their London jewellery sale, achieving a total of £1.5 million. Top price was £110,000 for a diamond pendant distinguished by accompanying tassels, which sold for three times its estimate.

A rare 63-year-old Spanish car was auctioned for £100,000 at Aylsham in Norfolk yesterday.

The 1924 Hispano Suiza Coupé de Ville, in perfect running order with a current MOT certificate, went to an anonymous buyer. The auctioneers said the car was likely to remain in Britain.

Bidders came from America and Europe. The car was sold by Mr Leo Watts, aged 68, a garage owner who is retiring and whose family had owned it since 1930.

Portfolio Gold

Win eases pain of low bonus

A Portfolio win was a welcome change of luck for Mrs Jean Blackman, a computer operations supervisor for a firm of London-based stock brokers.

"This will make up for some of the shortfall on my bonus", she said, after sharing the £4,000 prize. "The stock market hasn't exactly been in peak condition lately."

Mrs Blackman, aged 49, from Malden Way, New Malden, south London, intends spending some of her £2,000 on Christmas presents for her three sons and five grandchildren. She said: "I may just pick up that leather coat I've always wanted."

She has been a reader of *The Times* all her adult life and solves the crossword puzzles in her spare time. Mrs Blackman said: "I was just flabbergasted to win. I always thought this sort of thing happens to someone else. I've been playing Portfolio right from the beginning."

Mr Kevin Milligan, of Portmar Lane, Barnstaple, Devon, was the other winner in yesterday's competition and will also be receiving £2,000.

Portfolio Gold cards can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

Portfolio Gold,
The Times,
PO Box 40,
Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

Pupil boycott challenge

Parents who have kept 26 children away from a school in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, were given leave by Mr Justice Brown in the High Court in London yesterday to challenge policy decisions of Kirkless education authority.

The children, aged seven and eight, have been receiving private lessons in the bar of a hotel since September. Their parents have refused to send them to Headfield Church of England school, where 85 per cent of pupils are of Asian origin.

Parents are challenging the decision of education officials not to allow their children to attend neighbouring schools.

TV independents' legislation plea

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The Prime Minister was urged last night to carry out his threat to make ITV companies buy at least a quarter of their programmes from independent producers.

The call followed a dramatic breakdown in talks aimed at achieving a voluntary agreement.

The plea, by the Independent Access Steering Committee, which represents 600 independent production companies, comes after seven months of what they described yesterday as "provocation, filibustering and refusal by ITV to negotiate in any meaningful way".

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, have warned ITV repeatedly that they will not hesitate to legislate to guarantee the flourishing independent sector at least a 25 per cent share of programme making - worth an estimated £300 million a year.

The independents had always expressed preference for a voluntary agreement, but yesterday they said that no useful purpose would be served by continuing talks, and called on the Government to legislate.

The independents, which are seeking early talks with Mrs Thatcher and Mr Hurd, are writing to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission asking it to investigate possible monopolistic practices by ITV companies.

They are planning to write to Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to question the favourable levy terms enjoyed by ITV stations.

Mr David Shaw, director of the ITV Association, said last night that he was "astounded" by the announcement. "The ITV negotiating team has

been preparing in good faith to carry on constructive talks when we next met on 22 December."

"I am horrified at the way in which the independents continue to intersperse our negotiations with these outrageous public appeals to politicians and others in positions of influence."

The Independent Broadcasting Authority expressed concern last night at the breakdown and said it would invite both sides to an early meeting to try to resolve the impasse.

Talks aimed at reaching an agreement have foundered repeatedly because of the ITV association's reluctance to bind TV companies to centrally-agreed business terms covering the purchase of independently produced programmes.

The independents argue that without such basic business guidelines, their sector will be undermined by unscrupulous and powerful ITV companies forcing producers to accept financially unfavourable contracts.

Members of the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance employed by Tyne Tees Television have decided not to hold a second ballot on industrial action unless there is an irretrievable breakdown between the company and the electricians' union.

The decision follows an undertaking given by the alliance in the courts to hold a second ballot after disclosures of inadequacies in the first.

Yesterday, the company said it was still waiting for a formal approach from the union to discuss the dispute, which began after 39 electricians were dismissed for failing to accept new working practices.

Puzzle of au pair's death fall

By Ian Smith

A private investigation by a couple convinced their teenage daughter was pushed to her death from a fourth-floor Munich flat was yesterday supported by a coroner in the girl's home town.

An open verdict was recorded on Michelle Rowe, aged 18, who was about to walk out on an au pair contract when she died on September 28 last year.

Mr George Howson, the coroner, said at an inquest in Garstang, near Preston, Lancashire, that there was no evidence that the girl had killed herself and that available facts suggested the opposite.

The inquest was told that the girl accepted a six-month appointment to care for Frau Angelika Feneberg's three children in the Munich flat. Mr Avram Doryadis, the father of Frau Feneberg's boy friend, said he saw Frau Feneberg hitting Miss Rowe over the head repeatedly with her fist on the evening the girl died. The girl was crying "I go", but Frau Feneberg would not let her out of the flat.

The inquest was also told that a neighbour heard screaming in the flat and listened as the girl pleaded "No, No." Minutes later he found the girl's body lying on the pavement.

The Munich district director of public prosecutions instigated manslaughter charges against Frau Feneberg, but those charges were not pursued.

Frau Feneberg was fined £600 after being found guilty of detaining the girl unlawfully and causing her actual bodily harm. An appeal against conviction is due to be heard on December 21.

Towards drinking are the principle cause of the increase of tetotalism. As one interviewee in the 18-24 age group said: "It's only an idiot who would say 'what a poof', he's only drinking Coke."

Lunch-time tipping has declined among the business community because of its effect on performance at work, and drink-driving legislation has removed pressure to drink at parties.

The report is published by Public Attitude Surveys Research Ltd and is available from the Ansvr Insurance Company, which only insures tetotalisers. It costs £3 a copy.

One in six is now a teetotaler

By Sam Kiley

Almost one in six Britons is teetotal and more people are abstaining, according to a report published today by a drink marketing company.

The report, *Britain's New Abstinence*, is based on interviews with more than 20,000 people a year since 1981, and reveals that there are more than 1.5 million adults who do not drink alcohol, an increase of 24 per cent since 1981.

It says that the increase in temperance is the result of a combination of social and medical factors.

The biggest increase in teetotalism has been among the older generation, 63.8 per cent

of people over 50 say they do not drink.

More significant have been the increases reported by older working class people, the report says.

One of the main reasons is that middle-aged people begin to watch their budgets as retirement looms.

Some 65 per cent of non-drinkers are women, who have become preoccupied with health and fitness as well as a fear of "loosing control".

Younger groups are less abstemious with only 8.5 per cent in the group aged 18 to 24 refraining from drinking.

Changing social attitudes



At Crosse & Blackwell, we believe some families confuse a healthy eating with eating health foods.

That's why we created 'Healthy Balance'. A range of foods that strikes a balance of good taste and goodness.

Take our Baked Beans. They provide a tasty tomatoey helping of vitamins, minerals, fibre and protein - with 25% less salt and sugar.

All 'Healthy Balance' foods are free from artificial additives... whether it's Spaghetti, Tomato Ketchup or Baked Beans with low fat pork sausages.

So if you want to feel better about serving some of the family's favourite foods, try 'Healthy Balance' from Crosse & Blackwell.

For further details on nutrition, write to: Healthy Balance,
36 Park Street, Croydon, Surrey CR9 1TT.

**Eat well.
Crosse & Blackwell.**



THE SUMMIT

SENATE BATTLE

Right-wingers plan delay on INF deal to sour Start talks

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A small, powerful group of conservative Republicans is shaping plans to kill the intermediate-range missile treaty during the Senate ratification process. The aim will be to attach "killer" amendments that would force a renegotiation of the accord.

The senators are destined to lose, but by making the process as messy and bitter as possible they hope to sour the atmosphere for progress on superpower talks to cut stocks of strategic nuclear missiles.

They believe that a fierce Senate battle will make Mr Reagan wary of making concessions on Star Wars, the Strategic Defence Initiative, and might damage Mr Gorbachov's prestige.

Right-wingers will adopt foot-dragging tactics in the two Senate committees — foreign relations and armed services — which will consider the INF accord, in the hope

help him fend off the conservative Republicans who have been his soulmates throughout his political career.

All the Democratic presidential candidates support the treaty, while four of the six Republican hopefuls oppose it adamantly. Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, is the only of the party's contenders to have given it wholehearted support.

Senator Robert Dole, the Republican leader in the Senate and the one presidential hopeful who has hedged his bets, came down cautiously yesterday on the side of supporting the agreement after meeting Mr Gorbachov, with other members of Congress, at the Soviet Embassy.

After the session, he held a brief, private meeting with the Soviet leader, who wanted to know where the senator stood on ratification.

Mr Dole said later: "I want to see a heavy Republican vote and, hopefully, have it all done by April. Mr Gorbachov does not want an amendment that would mean renegotiation. I don't see that happening. There may be some declaration or an understanding by the Senate, but I think the vote is going to be substantially in favour unless there is some surprise that no one has found yet."

The 100-member Senate must approve the treaty by a two-thirds majority. Amendments, however, require a simple majority.

The main group of hard-core conservatives number no more than half a dozen, but their influence extends beyond their numbers because of their strategic positions in Congress. Senator Jesse Helms, for example, is the senior Republican on the foreign relations committee and is implacably opposed to the INF Treaty.

But with opinion polls showing overwhelming support for the accord, mainstream Republicans seem certain to support it, even though many would have preferred tougher verification procedures.

Many would have liked the

accord to have met concerns about past Soviet non-compliance with treaties, and had urged the Administration to make implementation of the agreement conditional on Soviet reduction of conventional forces in Europe, human rights improvements, and the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan.

Hardline conservatives will now take on those issues. They will press for more on-site inspections and will argue that the US should be allowed to make surprise inspections at any site it chooses in the Soviet Union, rather than only 128 agreed sites, because of suspicions that Moscow will try to hide missiles.

Senator Helms wants the treaty held up until a new spy satellite is in place to ensure verification.

Some senators may attempt to attach amendments spelling out how the US and its allies



Mrs Raisa Gorbachov sharing a joke with the American pianist, Van Cliburn, as President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, stand by at the White House post-treaty signing state dinner. The pianist gave a well-received performance for the Reagans, the Gorbachovs and assembled US and Soviet dignitaries.

GORBACHOV'S GOSPEL

Kremlin evangelist preaches to elite

From Charles Bremner, Washington

With the energy of the evangelist and the vigour of a salesman, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov has been using nearly every spare minute away from the White House to preach his gospel of a new age in US-Soviet relations to the people who shape the opinions of America.

Summoning academics, actors, politicians, writers and singers for sessions at his embassy, Mr Gorbachov has fulfilled predictions that he would appeal over the heads of the Administration and the news reporters directly to the American "elite".

On Tuesday night, he was meeting publishers and television executives and yesterday he was out to convince businessmen that they should join in *perestroika* (reconstruction) with joint ventures.

Once again, the Soviet leader has "tamed" the tables. President Reagan long insisted that a visit to America would change his views. Instead, Mr Gorbachov is hardly

moving outside the square mile of central Washington but he and a team of high-ranking Kremlin officials are furiously trying to mould a new opinion of Russia among the American thinking classes.

These include the military. In an extraordinary act of American *glasnost*, American generals invited Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, the Soviet Chief of Staff, for a tour that included a visit to the Pentagon's top-secret command centre.

On Tuesday night, in a vigorous two-hour lecture without notes, Mr Gorbachov urged intellectuals to "fight a fire" under the politicians, saying they were out of step with a new public yearning for the two countries to draw together, "sentiments among the people, sentiments in favour of a rapprochement."

"You are the yeast of society," Mr Gorbachov flatteringly told an eclectic crowd which included heavyweights, such as Dr Henry

Kissinger as well as three other former secretaries of state, Professor J. K. Galbraith, leading Soviet experts, the writer William Styron, Mr Carl Sagan, the scientist, Mr Billy Graham, the evangelist, and an array of left-leaning stars including Paul Newman, Yoko Ono, Robert de Niro and John Denver. Some of them had attended the Kremlin's peace gathering in Moscow last summer.

Adapting his style, Mr Gorbachov has been striking a slangy, populist tone and like a skilled politician, he flatters his audience with references to their ideas and works. "Aren't I right Dr Kissinger?" he inquired with a grin. To John Denver he threw "nice to hear you talking for once".

"What we need now is a policy that could express the mood of the people," Mr Gorbachov told the intellectuals, painting his world vision, something that is by now familiar to anyone who has perused his best-selling book

or listened to his speeches of recent months.

He hammered the same theme at his meeting with congressmen yesterday, starting off with the straight question: "Just how are we going to live together in this world, the US and the Soviet Union?"

Convincing Congress is a prime objective for Mr Gorbachov, because of its power to prevent the ratification of the INF Treaty. After the chat, Senator Robert Dole, the Republican's leader, indicated that he would now support the treaty.

While using charm and reason with the senators yesterday, Mr Gorbachov shared with the intellectuals his frustration over opposition to the INF accord. "I fail to understand how anybody could be objecting to that but, of course, I understand that it boils down to the selfish interests of certain groups of people."

Explaining one of the planks of his new thinking, he

said the interests of a nation were now inextricably tied to the interests of all others. He has also disarmed some Americans long used to the old doctrines of Kremlin infallibility. "We aren't laying claim to being possessors of the truth," he said.

However, for much of America, the top issue at the summit has boiled down to the question: "Can we trust Mr Gorbachov?"

Reactions from public opinion polls and his Embassy audiences suggest that there is still plenty of scepticism but also goodwill.

"I believe much of what he said," said Mr Cyrus Vance, who served as President Carter's Secretary of State. "But I don't think he understands us on human rights."

Mr Billy Graham said: "He painted a beautiful picture of the world in which we were all brothers. But the problem is we are in the same neighbourhood but we are not brothers yet."

SOVIET REACTION

Russian press hails superpower peace-makers

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The official media and Kremlin spokesmen yesterday gave a euphoric reception to the signing of the new pact banning medium and short-range missiles, which was countered only by the occasional snide comment from ordinary citizens about the opulence of Mrs Raisa Gorbachov's Washington wardrobe.

The signing ceremony itself was watched by a crowd of about 200 who gathered on Moscow's central Kalinin Avenue to look at a giant outdoor screen relaying the proceedings at the White House in sub-zero winds which tested the mettle of the most dedicated supporter of world peace.

One elderly Muscovite said: "Mrs Gorbachov seems able to afford to dress a lot better than us. I would love to know

where all her money comes from." The high profile given to the Kremlin First Lady's role has been boosted by Tass, which took the rare step of publishing a lengthy story devoted entirely to her programme.

Despite Mrs Gorbachov's wide popularity in the West, there has been mounting discontent about her increasingly influential role here. It was recognized by official censors who exiled remarks made by Mr Gorbachov about his sharing of problems with her in a pre-summit US interview later broadcast here.

Pravda, which devoted more than half of its six-page edition to the opening of the summit, described the INF Treaty as a significant achievement made possible by "new thinking" of the Soviet Union. One of its two banner

Moscow (AP) — The INF Treaty is a fairytale come true, but it must lead to reductions in other weapons in Europe and the Far East, General Yuri Markelov, a Soviet military spokesman, said yesterday. If Nato insisted on retaining to compensate for the loss of the US missiles, it would lead to a new arms race.

headlines read: "USSR-US Justify the Hopes of Peoples of the World".

The correspondents of *Izvestia* said they had been astonished by the extent of the verification measures when they had studied the small print of the INF pact. "Readers will probably ask, doesn't it go too far, are we not making too many concessions?" the paper said, adding with an attempt at reassurance: "We are not going further than the other side."

The paper claimed that the

general improvement in Soviet-US relations had now moved into the foreground. This feeling has been reflected on Soviet television, which has used the summit to air at least one programme containing American pop music.

Tass entered into the new spirit of co-operation by conducting an informal survey of US opinion on the events, which began with a telephone call to the town of Moscow, Pennsylvania. Its Sheriff, Mr James Hoover, said he regarded the INF Treaty as being of epoch-making importance.

"The meeting of the Soviet and American leaders has inspired the town's residents with hope that in the near future the peoples of our two countries and our governments will achieve even more favourable results," he said.

Mr Yuri Gremitskiikh, the

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, borrowed a phrase from Mrs Thatcher and yesterday described the treaty as the best possible Christmas and New Year's gift for the world. "It enables us to see the future with optimism," he said.

The Prime Minister, who has been lionized in the Soviet media this week, yesterday gave an interview to *Pravda* in which she said that the recent improvement in Anglo-Soviet relations could be traced back to the beginning of the policies of *glasnost* and *perestroika* (restructuring).

"It is crystal clear that a number of the ideas that we believe in — for example the increase of personal initiative and of responsibility — are being implemented in the Soviet Union," she told the paper's London correspondent. "And we wish success to these efforts."

MOSCOW CLASHES

Jewish protests abandoned after mass arrests by KGB

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

Soviet Jews yesterday abandoned their daily Moscow street demonstrations linked to the Washington summit meeting and instead handed in letters to the headquarters of the Communist Party's ruling Central Committee condemning the denial of the spirit of *glasnost*.

The decision to abandon the protests, which for three consecutive days had been broken up roughly by plainclothes KGB agents and uniformed militiamen, was taken after the arrest of more than 20 Jews on Tuesday — most of them detained as they were leaving their homes en route to the demonstration.

Mr Aleksandr Kholominsky, aged 37, one of those arrested, said: "No reason was given for all the arrests, but they effectively made it impossible to go on demonstrating. Instead, we have had to look for other ways to try to argue our case to the outside world."

Even though yesterday's handing-in of protest letters was not a demonstration, Western journalists were

again jostled as they tried to approach the 47 involved.

The four days of confrontation have reduced relations between the Western media and the Government to the lowest point since Mr Mikhail Gorbachov took power.

Tass said the Soviet authorities had issued an official complaint to the US Embassy about the alleged behaviour of Peter Arnett, bureau chief of the American Cable News Network, whom it accused of having assaulted a Soviet citizen with a camera tripod.

Mr Arnett, who has told the Soviet security forces he is prepared to fight his case in court, alleges, with support from Western correspondents and Soviet Jews present, that he and his crew were attacked on Sunday by KGB men posing as Soviet "peace demonstrators".

Mr Kholominsky said: "The situation caused by the demonstrations is very dangerous."

Western diplomats note that the crackdown began on Sunday, before Mr Gorbachov

left the country, and that its continuation had demonstrated that it was KGB policy from the top.

The new hard line by the security authorities has now spilled over to threaten an independent human rights seminar due to be opened in Moscow today, International Human Rights Day, and which has been declared illegal by the Kremlin.

The organizers reported yesterday that four activists, all former political prisoners, had been arrested at Lvov, in the Ukraine, as they tried to board a train to Moscow, and that all have been charged with drug offences.

According to dissident sources, the four were released after eight hours and ordered not to make any further attempt to go to Moscow.

In addition, at least seven of the organizers of the planned five-day seminar have received warnings from the public prosecutor's office that the meeting — to which the Western media has been invited — is illegal.

Tribute to Thatcher's treaty role

Mr Marian Orzechowski, the Polish Foreign Minister, yesterday paid tribute to Mrs Thatcher's role in achieving the INF Treaty (Mary Dejevsky writes).

Speaking at the end of a four-day official visit to Britain, Mr Orzechowski said he was delighted the Prime Minister had accepted an invitation to visit Poland and indicated that it would take place in either late spring or early autumn next year. Noting that her visit would be the first by a British Prime Minister, he said Poland highly appreciated Mrs Thatcher's role as "an international and European leader".

Mr Orzechowski expressed satisfaction with his talks, and said he had given assurances that Poland's economic reform policies would continue, even though more radical reform measures had failed to attract the necessary support in last month's referendum.

Accord 'has a whiff of Yalta'

Paris (Reuters) — French reaction to the US-Soviet disarmament treaty was the most negative in Western Europe, with a conservative newspaper saying it had "a whiff of Yalta", recalling the 1945 treaty that divided Europe.

That headline in *Le Figaro* ran above an article by M. Alain Peyrefitte, the former Justice Minister, who wrote: "Once more, an old and weakened American president has convinced himself of the Soviet empire's goodwill. Is he preparing to abandon the other half of Europe?"

M. Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist Prime Minister, also responded coolly to the treaty.

Briefing for Warsaw Pact

East Berlin (Reuters) — Warsaw Pact leaders will meet in East Berlin tomorrow, the official East German news agency ADN reported.

It gave no further details, but East bloc sources said Mr Gorbachov would brief other pact leaders on his talks before flying home to Moscow.



Sharing the limelight with Mrs Gorbachov at the National Gallery of Art in Washington yesterday was Anna Leithausner, aged 7, the daughter of a museum employee, who presented the Soviet visitor with a bouquet.

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

maintained. Why then had *Izvestia* not published Yeltsin's October speech to the Central Committee?

Because it had been delivered on a party occasion, and as the government newspaper *Izvestia* would not publish such a speech unless it had been released by the party. And at that point in our discussion, the crusading editor turned into the Soviet bureaucrat.

Gorbachov still faces heavy task

Perhaps a still more serious weakness in *glasnost* was indicated by Mr Laptev when he said: "Now we must help people to master this weapon of openness, teach them how to use it." In other words, there is not the instinct around the country to subject the authorities to continuous, constructive scrutiny and criticism. After all that has happened in the Soviet Union that is not surprising. But how deep then does *glasnost* go in Soviet society? Is the response essentially confined to the intelligentsia, even if broadly defined? Might it be the latest opium of the intellectuals?

The paradox of *glasnost* is that for it to be effective, party officials around the country would have to lead the process that would limit their prerogative and undermine their power.

I am sure that it is in the interests of the outside world as well as of the Soviet people that as much openness and democratization as possible should be introduced into their system. But it would be a mistake either to exaggerate what has so far been achieved or to assume that present trends are bound to be taken further and further. Mr Gorbachov still faces a heavy task at home.

سما من الفضل

Secret weapon systems revealed

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

The special protocol covering the elimination of the 2,800 American and Soviet missiles and all the launching equipment specifies in graphic detail how every piece of hardware should be blown up, cut, burnt or crushed. Everything is recorded, down to the last fraction of a metre.

The first surprise in the 16-page protocol is the inclusion of several missile systems that have not previously been referred to in public.

On the American side, apart from the Pershing 2, Pershing 1A and cruise missile, described in the text as BGM 109G, the Pershing 1B is also mentioned. This is a reduced-range version of the Pershing 2 which had been under development for the West German forces to replace the ageing Pershing 1A.

Although the programme had been suspended, the Americans have clearly retained a stock of these missiles and have had to declare them in the data exchanges with the Russians.

On the Soviet side, apart from the medium-range SS20 and SS4 and the shorter-range SS12 and SS23, there are two other missile systems which until now had not been listed. They are the SS5, which is code-named Slean and is broadly similar to the SS4 except that it has a range of 2,300 miles compared with the SS4's 1,200 miles and is more accurate; and the SSCX4, which is the Soviet Union's ground-launched cruise missile, now under development, with a reported range of between 1,500 and 1,900 miles.

When the missiles to be destroyed arrive at the "elimination facility", their nuclear warhead devices and guidance systems "may be removed". If inspectors are on site to watch a particular destruction exercise, all the details of the operation have to be confirmed in writing by both parties.

The general principles for destroying missiles and launchers follow similar lines. The Pershing 2, for example, like the Soviet SS20, can be eliminated "by explosive demolition or burning". Solid fuel, rocket nozzles and motor cases not destroyed in this process will be "burnt, crushed, flattened or destroyed by explosion".

The so-called transporter-erector-launchers for the missiles will have to be cut into two pieces "of approximately equal size".

The airframe of the cruise missile — the outer casing — will be cut "longitudinally into two pieces" and the wings and tail section will be "severed" from the frame. The front section, minus the warhead and guidance elements, will be crushed and flattened.

In the case of the launcher for the SS20, it is stipulated that a portion of the chassis, "at least 0.78 metres in length", should be cut off "at the rear end". The SS12 launcher, on the other hand, will have to have a portion cut from the chassis, measuring at least 1.10 metres in length.

The most controversial destruction method, on which the Russians insisted, is the elimination by means of launching. The Russians said



Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, displaying a photograph of the Soviet SS 20 missile. The Russians were obliged to supply a photograph of the missile for inclusion in the INF treaty documents.

they had so many missiles to remove that they could not complete the task in the three-year period unless for the first six months they could launch as many as possible. The agreed figure, though not in the protocol, is 100.

The protocol states that missiles destroyed in this way have to be launched (without their warheads) "one at a time" and no fewer than six hours can elapse between such launches; and none of them can be used as a target vehicle for a ballistic missile interceptor. An inspector from a monitoring team will confirm "by visual observation" the type of missile to be launched.

If a missile is "lost or destroyed as a result of an accident", the other side has to be notified within 48 hours, giving details of the circumstances that led to the incident. The other side will have the right to conduct an inspection of the site where the accident occurred "to provide confidence" that the missile has been eliminated.

Missiles, canisters and launchers can also be destroyed by static firing, strapping them like a firework until they burn out. But each side will be limited to a total of 15 missiles, 15 canisters and 15 launchers on each static display.

Visiting inspectors will have the right to check on these static firing displays within 60 days of being notified of their location.

Apart from the missiles and equipment, the protocol also covers "support structures", the fixed shelters for the INF missiles. Each superstructure will have to be dismantled or demolished "and removed from its base or foundation". The base or foundation will then be destroyed by excavation or explosion.

The destroyed area will also have to remain visible for six months to "national technical means of verification" — the usual words for spy satellites.

VERIFICATION

Russians to set up post at Greenham

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Russians will soon be heading for Greenham Common. They will demand cement and other materials to construct three buildings — one a headquarters for Soviet inspectors, one to house high-tech verification equipment, and one for storage.

Telephones, high-frequency radios, toilets, electricity and heating must all be laid on by Britain, but Moscow will also be expected to make arrangements for meals, lodging, transport and medical care for inspection teams and their aircrews. Russia will pay for them, too.

These and other anti-and-bolts arrangements on the way inspections are to be carried out are contained in one of the key protocol accords. Identical arrangements apply to all the countries covered by the accord — Belgium, West Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and the superpowers themselves.

The buildings to be erected at inspection sites will be empty except when inspectors arrive at short notice and make use of them. Even the size of the structures has been spelt out, down to the last square foot.

Inspectors and their aircrews will have diplomatic immunity. Inspection teams, which cannot exceed 16 people, must give at least 16

Outside the perimeter of inspection sites, the superpowers will be allowed to install systems to monitor the exits, such as weight sensors, vehicle sensors, surveillance systems and equipment for measuring the dimensions of vehicles passing in and out.

The teams can weigh and measure the dimensions of any vehicle, including railway carriages, to determine whether they are large enough or heavy enough to contain medium-range missiles.

The superpowers are required to supply each other with the names of inspectors and the aircraft that will carry them to inspection sites. Within 30 days each side must have supplied visas valid for at least two years. Notification must be given of surprise inspection.

Disarmament blueprint

Summary of the 17 Articles of the US-Soviet Treaty on the elimination of their intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles.

Article I. Each party shall eliminate its intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles and shall not have such systems thereafter. Articles II and III. Definitions are given of all the missile types included in the Treaty.

Article IV. Each party shall eliminate all its intermediate-range missiles and launchers and all support structures and equipment within three years over a two-phase period, the first by no later than 29 months, reducing the inventory to 180 deployed warheads on each side. Including the non-deployed missiles, the total warheads by the first phase will be 200. By the end of the second phase, no later than three years after entry into force of the Treaty, all missiles and launchers must be eliminated.

Article V. All shorter-range missiles and launchers must be eliminated by no later than 18 months. But within 90 days all should be removed to elimination facilities.

Article VI. Neither party shall produce or flight test intermediate-range or shorter-range missiles.

Article VII. Any ballistic or cruise missile flight-tested or deployed will be considered weapon-delivery vehicles and covered by the Treaty. Booster systems used only for research and development shall not be included. R and D shall not be subject to inspection.

Article VIII. Intermediate and shorter-range missiles and their launchers shall be located in deployment areas, missile support facilities or in transit between the two. Missile transit must be completed within 25 days. Neither party shall increase, or change the location or boundaries of, deployment areas, operating bases or missile support facilities, except for elimination facilities.

Article IX. Data listing missile locations has to be updated and referred to the Nuclear Risk

the end of each six months interval. Thirty days' notice must be given of the scheduled date of the elimination of a specific deployment area, missile operating base or missile support facility; 10 days' notice a missile launch.

Article X. Each shall have the right in the first six months to eliminate by means of launching no more than 100 of its intermediate-range missiles. Intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles tested but never deployed shall be eliminated within six months.

Article XI. Each shall have the right to on-site inspections, 20 days after this Treaty begins and completed within 90 days, to check missile numbers. After that inspections will be allowed for 13 years. The facilities to be inspected by continuous monitoring (outside the plants) are named.

Article XII. Each party shall use national technical means of verification at its disposal. Neither shall use concealment measures which impede verification. No later than six hours after a request is made, the party shall have opened the roof of all fixed structures for launchers located at the base, for 12 hours.

Article XIII. The parties hereby establish the Special Verification Commission.

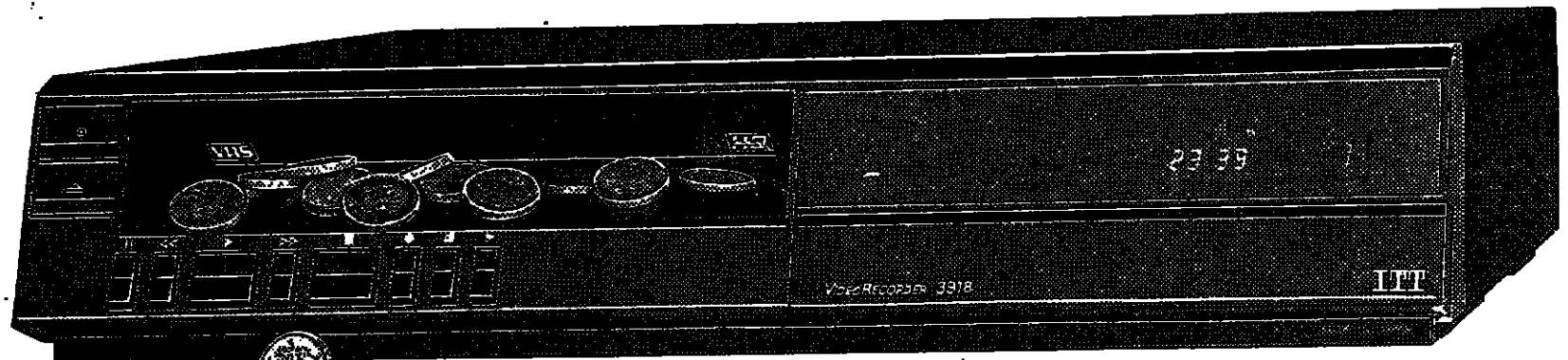
Article XIV. The parties shall not assume any international obligations or undertakings which would conflict with the Treaty.

Article XV. This Treaty shall be of unlimited duration. Any party wishing to withdraw should give six months' notice.

Article XVI. Each may propose amendments to this Treaty.

Article XVII. This Treaty, including the Memorandum of Understanding and Protocols, which form an integral part thereof, shall be subject to ratification in accordance with the constitutional procedures of each party.

THE LATEST FEATURES FROM ITT INCLUDE PAYBACK



VR 3918 ▲
£329.99

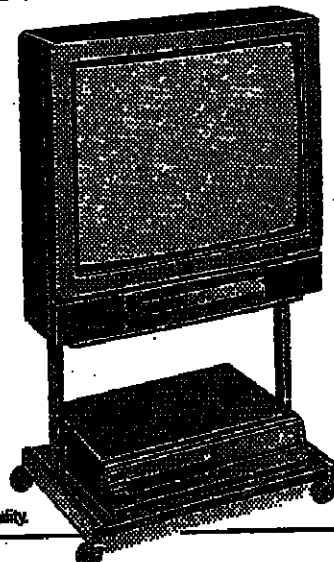
4 Events/14 Day Timer. Infra Red Remote Control. HQ Circuitry for improved picture quality. Automatic Scene Repeat. Picture Search (forwards & reverse). Slim Line Design.

If you're searching for a TV or VCR, ITT give you the best quality with outstanding value.

Buy any of these TV and VCR combinations between now and Dec. 24, 1987 and ITT will send you a "payback" of £25. Should you prefer to rent, the "payback" offer still applies at selected dealers who provide a rental service.

Of course, "payback" is just one of the features from ITT. Their new range includes remote control televisions with the option of "Fastext" and video recorders that incorporate the latest technology and styling.

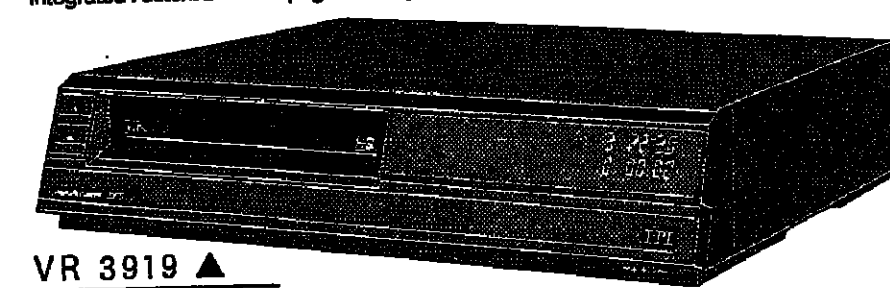
So take advantage of the latest features in home viewing. See your local ITT dealer now for full details.



CT 3448 ▲
£359.99

21" (51cm visible) FST picture tube. Infra Red Remote Control. 12 watts peak music power output. Combined bass and treble control. Scart (AV) socket. Slim design cabinet. Headphone socket.

FX 3448. £439.99 (inc. stand). As CT 3448 but with integrated Fastext and multipage memory.



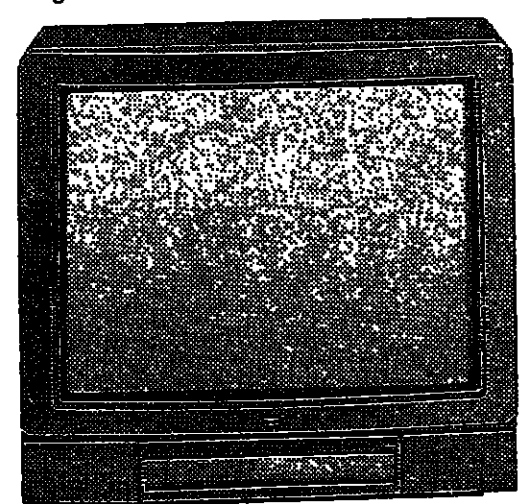
VR 3919 ▲
£369.99

Programming via Remote Control with LCD Display. 6 Event/1 Year Timer. HQ Circuitry. Automatic Scene Repeat. Picture Search (forwards & reverse). Slim Line Design.

FX 3548 ▼
£499.99

24" (59cm visible) FST Picture Tube. Integrated Fastext with multipage memory. Infra Red Remote Control. 12 Watts peak music power output. Combined Bass & Treble Control.

CT 3548. £439.99 (inc. stand). As FX 3548 but without integrated Fastext.



ITT

YOUR LOCAL ITT DEALERS

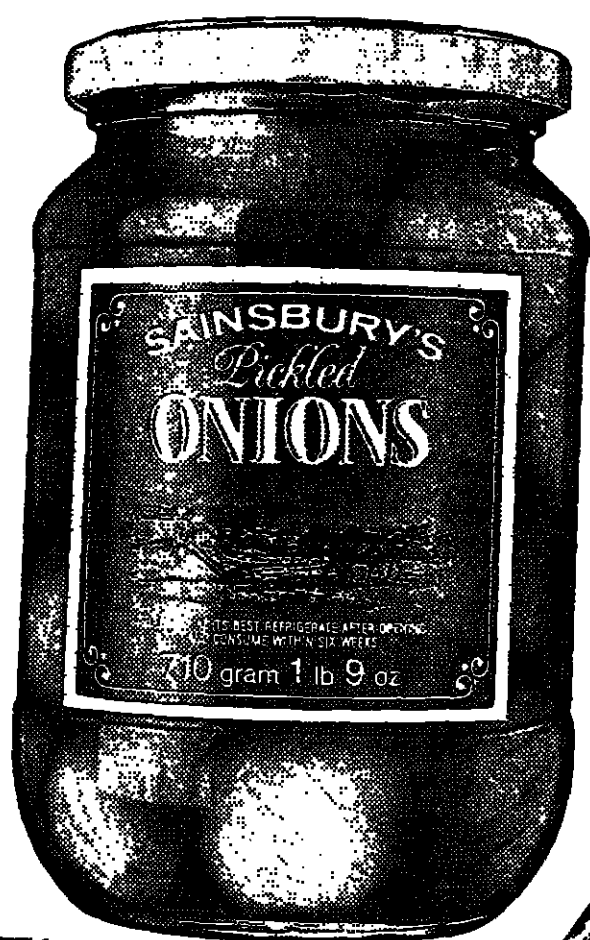
AMSTERDAM
P. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Amsterdam, 1000 Amsterdam.
ANTWERP
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Antwerp, 1000 Antwerp.
BRUSSELS
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Brussels, 1000 Brussels.
COLOGNE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Cologne, 1000 Cologne.
DORTMUND
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Dortmund, 1000 Dortmund.
DRESDEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Dresden, 1000 Dresden.
DUISBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Duisburg, 1000 Duisburg.
ESSEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Essen, 1000 Essen.
FRANKFURT
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Frankfurt, 1000 Frankfurt.
GELDEREN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Gelderen, 1000 Gelderen.
HELSINKI
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Helsinki, 1000 Helsinki.
HAMBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Hamburg, 1000 Hamburg.
HANNOVER
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Hannover, 1000 Hannover.
KARLSRUHE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Karlsruhe, 1000 Karlsruhe.
KOBLENZ
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Koblenz, 1000 Koblenz.
KREFELD
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Krefeld, 1000 Krefeld.
LEIPZIG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Leipzig, 1000 Leipzig.
LIEKE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Lieke, 1000 Lieke.
LUCK
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Luck, 1000 Luck.
MAGDEBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Magdeburg, 1000 Magdeburg.
MANNHEIM
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Mannheim, 1000 Mannheim.
MERSEBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Merseburg, 1000 Merseburg.
MUNICH
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Munich, 1000 Munich.
NUREMBERG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Nuremberg, 1000 Nuremberg.
OFFENBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Offenburg, 1000 Offenburg.
OSTERFELD
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Osterfeld, 1000 Osterfeld.
PLATZEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Platten, 1000 Platten.
REGENSBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Regensburg, 1000 Regensburg.
REIMS
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Reims, 1000 Reims.
ROSTOCK
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Rostock, 1000 Rostock.
SCHWABING
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Schwabing, 1000 Schwabing.
STUTTGART
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Stuttgart, 1000 Stuttgart.
TREBISCHEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Trebschen, 1000 Trebschen.
WILHELMSRUHE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Wilhelmshaven, 1000 Wilhelmshaven.
WITTMER
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Wittmer, 1000 Wittmer.

AMSTERDAM
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Amsterdam, 1000 Amsterdam.
ANTWERP
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Antwerp, 1000 Antwerp.
BRUSSELS
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Brussels, 1000 Brussels.
COLOGNE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Cologne, 1000 Cologne.
DORTMUND
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Dortmund, 1000 Dortmund.
DRESDEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Dresden, 1000 Dresden.
DUISBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Duisburg, 1000 Duisburg.
ESSEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Essen, 1000 Essen.
FRANKFURT
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Frankfurt, 1000 Frankfurt.
GELDEREN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Gelderen, 1000 Gelderen.
HELSINKI
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Helsinki, 1000 Helsinki.
HAMBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Hamburg, 1000 Hamburg.
HANNOVER
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Hannover, 1000 Hannover.
KARLSRUHE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Karlsruhe, 1000 Karlsruhe.
KOBLENZ
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Koblenz, 1000 Koblenz.
KREFELD
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Krefeld, 1000 Krefeld.
LEIPZIG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Leipzig, 1000 Leipzig.
LIEKE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Lieke, 1000 Lieke.
LUCK
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Luck, 1000 Luck.
MAGDEBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Magdeburg, 1000 Magdeburg.
MANNHEIM
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Mannheim, 1000 Mannheim.
MERSEBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Merseburg, 1000 Merseburg.
MUNICH
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Munich, 1000 Munich.
NUREMBERG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Nuremberg, 1000 Nuremberg.
OFFENBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Offenburg, 1000 Offenburg.
OSTERFELD
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Osterfeld, 1000 Osterfeld.
PLATZEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Platten, 1000 Platten.
REGENSBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Regensburg, 1000 Regensburg.
REIMS
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Reims, 1000 Reims.
ROSTOCK
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Rostock, 1000 Rostock.
SCHWABING
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Schwabing, 1000 Schwabing.
STUTTGART
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Stuttgart, 1000 Stuttgart.
TREBISCHEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Trebschen, 1000 Trebschen.
WILHELMSRUHE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Wilhelmshaven, 1000 Wilhelmshaven.
WITTMER
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Wittmer, 1000 Wittmer.

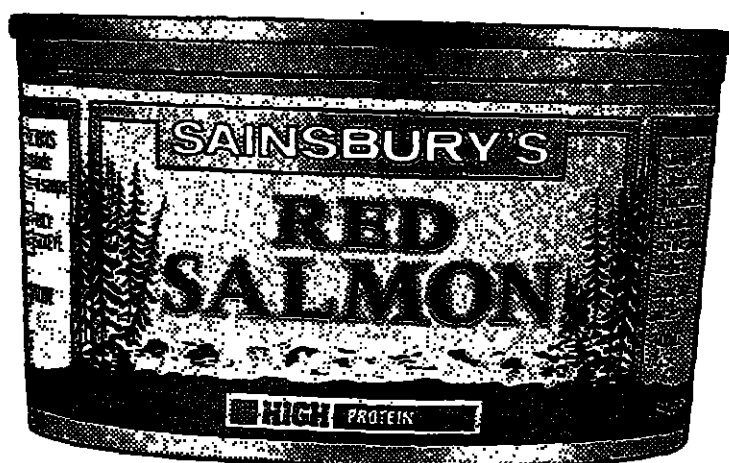
AMSTERDAM
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Amsterdam, 1000 Amsterdam.
ANTWERP
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Antwerp, 1000 Antwerp.
BRUSSELS
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Brussels, 1000 Brussels.
COLOGNE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Cologne, 1000 Cologne.
DORTMUND
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Dortmund, 1000 Dortmund.
DRESDEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Dresden, 1000 Dresden.
DUISBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Duisburg, 1000 Duisburg.
ESSEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Essen, 1000 Essen.
FRANKFURT
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Frankfurt, 1000 Frankfurt.
GELDEREN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Gelderen, 1000 Gelderen.
HELSINKI
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Helsinki, 1000 Helsinki.
HAMBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Hamburg, 1000 Hamburg.
HANNOVER
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Hannover, 1000 Hannover.
KARLSRUHE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Karlsruhe, 1000 Karlsruhe.
KOBLENZ
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Koblenz, 1000 Koblenz.
KREFELD
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Krefeld, 1000 Krefeld.
LEIPZIG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Leipzig, 1000 Leipzig.
LIEKE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Lieke, 1000 Lieke.
LUCK
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Luck, 1000 Luck.
MAGDEBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Magdeburg, 1000 Magdeburg.
MANNHEIM
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Mannheim, 1000 Mannheim.
MERSEBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Merseburg, 1000 Merseburg.
MUNICH
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Munich, 1000 Munich.
NUREMBERG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Nuremberg, 1000 Nuremberg.
OFFENBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Offenburg, 1000 Offenburg.
OSTERFELD
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Osterfeld, 1000 Osterfeld.
PLATZEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Platten, 1000 Platten.
REGENSBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Regensburg, 1000 Regensburg.
REIMS
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Reims, 1000 Reims.
ROSTOCK
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Rostock, 1000 Rostock.
SCHWABING
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Schwabing, 1000 Schwabing.
STUTTGART
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Stuttgart, 1000 Stuttgart.
TREBISCHEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Trebschen, 1000 Trebschen.
WILHELMSRUHE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Wilhelmshaven, 1000 Wilhelmshaven.
WITTMER
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Wittmer, 1000 Wittmer.

AMSTERDAM
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Amsterdam, 1000 Amsterdam.
ANTWERP
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Antwerp, 1000 Antwerp.
BRUSSELS
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Brussels, 1000 Brussels.
COLOGNE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Cologne, 1000 Cologne.
DORTMUND
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Dortmund, 1000 Dortmund.
DRESDEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Dresden, 1000 Dresden.
DUISBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Duisburg, 1000 Duisburg.
ESSEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Essen, 1000 Essen.
FRANKFURT
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Frankfurt, 1000 Frankfurt.
GELDEREN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Gelderen, 1000 Gelderen.
HELSINKI
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Helsinki, 1000 Helsinki.
HAMBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Hamburg, 1000 Hamburg.
HANNOVER
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Hannover, 1000 Hannover.
KARLSRUHE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Karlsruhe, 1000 Karlsruhe.
KOBLENZ
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Koblenz, 1000 Koblenz.
KREFELD
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Krefeld, 1000 Krefeld.
LEIPZIG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Leipzig, 1000 Leipzig.
LIEKE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Lieke, 1000 Lieke.
LUCK
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Luck, 1000 Luck.
MAGDEBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Magdeburg, 1000 Magdeburg.
MANNHEIM
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Mannheim, 1000 Mannheim.
MERSEBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Merseburg, 1000 Merseburg.
MUNICH
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Munich, 1000 Munich.
NUREMBERG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Nuremberg, 1000 Nuremberg.
OFFENBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Offenburg, 1000 Offenburg.
OSTERFELD
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Osterfeld, 1000 Osterfeld.
PLATZEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Platten, 1000 Platten.
REGENSBURG
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Regensburg, 1000 Regensburg.
REIMS
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Reims, 1000 Reims.
ROSTOCK
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Rostock, 1000 Rostock.
SCHWABING
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Schwabing, 1000 Schwabing.
STUTTGART
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Stuttgart, 1000 Stuttgart.
TREBISCHEN
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Trebschen, 1000 Trebschen.
WILHELMSRUHE
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Wilhelmshaven, 1000 Wilhelmshaven.
WITTMER
J. J. van der Vliet, 1000 Wittmer, 1000 Wittmer.

At Sainsbury's prices, it must be Christmas.



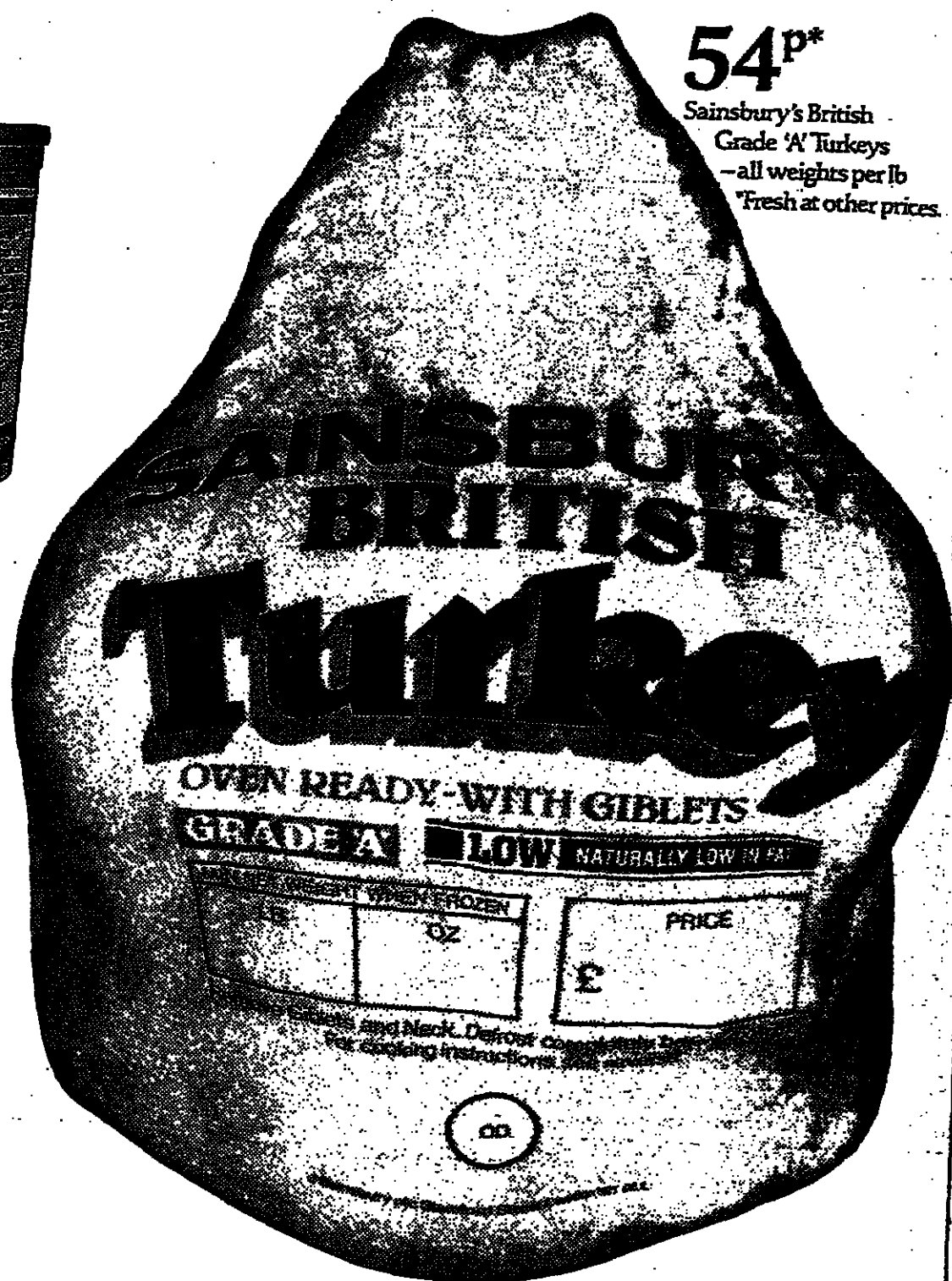
77p
65p Sainsbury's Pickled Onions 710g



£1.39
Sainsbury's Red Salmon 212g



£2.45
Sainsbury's Rich Fruit Christmas Cake 2lb

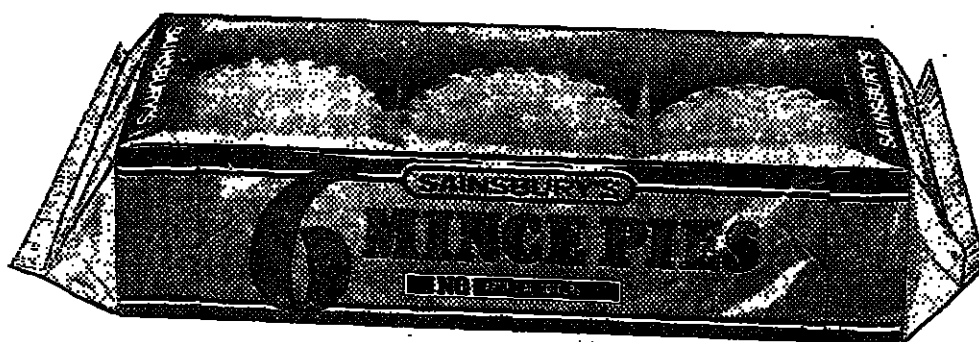


54p*
Sainsbury's British Grade 'A' Turkeys - all weights per lb *Fresh at other prices.

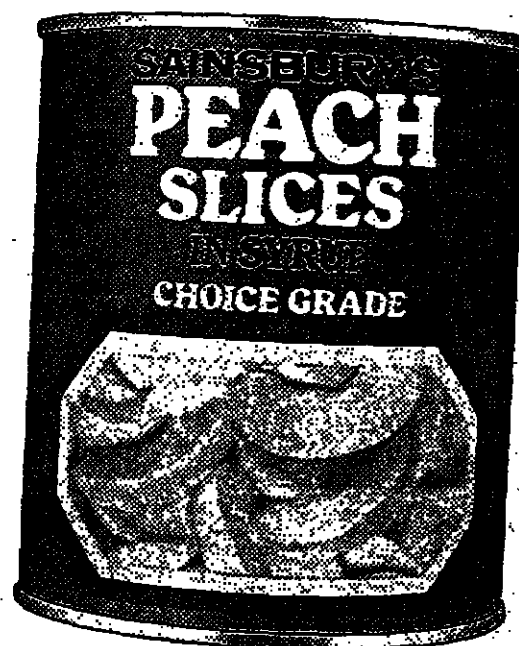


£1.99
Sainsbury's Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine 75cl

49p
Sainsbury's Mince pies x 6



39p
Sainsbury's Sliced Peaches in Syrup 822g

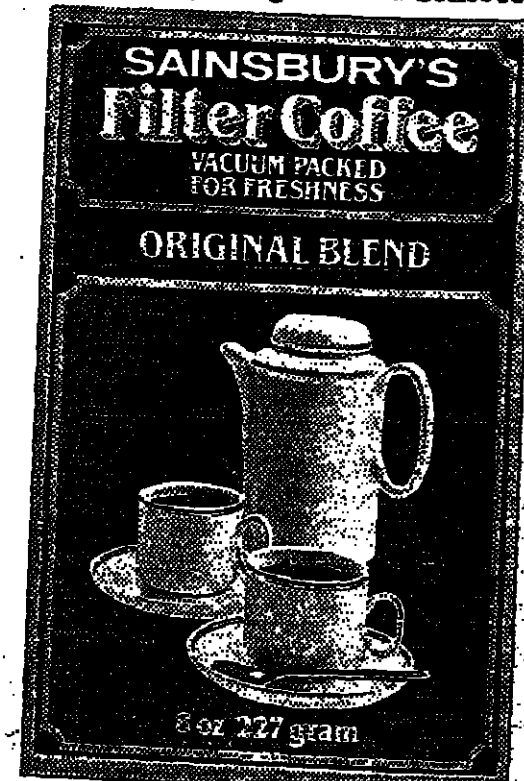


Sainsbury's Jelly Tablets Twinpack	33p 27p
Sainsbury's French Mayonnaise 500ml	65p 59p
Sainsbury's Sweet Pickle 625g	65p
Sainsbury's Party Size Sausage Rolls 50 800g	79p
Cadbury's Milk Tray 454g	£2.59
Rowntree's Black Magic 454g	£2.69
Sainsbury's Blended Whisky 1 ltr	£8.33*
Sainsbury's Gin 1 ltr	£8.33*
*Equivalent to £6.25 per 75cl bottle	

24p
Sainsbury's Mixer Drinks 0.5 ltr



85p
Sainsbury's Original Blend Coffee 8oz



Good food costs less at Sainsbury's.

ALL MERCHANDISE IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. SOME LINES ARE AVAILABLE AT LARGER BRANCHES ONLY. ALL ADVERTISED PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN ON SALE AT WANDSWORTH ROAD, SW8 AT THE PREVIOUS PRICES SHOWN, BUT NOT NECESSARILY FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 28 DAYS WITHIN THE LAST 6 MONTHS.

December 9 1987

PARLIAMENT

Peers offer INF warnings and congratulations

Peers from all sides welcomed the signing in Washington of the pact to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles (INF).

During a five-hour debate in the House of Lords on the progress made in disarmament negotiations, however, many peers said that further cuts in Europe's nuclear weapons must be balanced by reductions in the Soviet Union's conventional weapons.

Moving the debate, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhyn, leader of the Labour peers, said that the question in everyone's mind was: What is the next step?

There was an argument about the Star Wars initiatives of both the United States and the Soviet Union. However, the gap between the two over the interpretation of the ABM treaty was clearly bridgeable and he hoped that the Government would help to bridge it.

The Government should also sustain both the superpowers in making progress with cuts in strategic weapons. He added that he was much more apprehensive of a successor to Mr Mikhail Gorbachev than of President Reagan's successor.

Britain's Trident missiles should be part of the negotiations to reduce further nuclear arsenals. There appeared to be a slight difference of view on that between Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

"I think all of us, certainly the great majority, hope that the new treaty will create a new atmosphere in the world and a relaxation of tension."

"I heard the Soviet Ambassador say that it could break through the psychological barrier. But it must also be said again and again that disarmament itself is not enough. The causes of war must be identified and eradicated."

Mr Gorbachev was the best hope to emerge from the Soviet Union for a very long time and the West was more likely to achieve peace through him than from any possible successor.

Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State, Foreign and Common-

HOUSE OF LORDS

wealth Office, said the Government unreservedly congratulated the superpowers on the INF treaty and the prospect next year of a Start (strategic arms reductions) treaty.

However, NATO would continue to rely on nuclear weapons for defence for the foreseeable future. It meant that the Government could not be in the business of seeking zero options around like conflict.

The present imbalance between the West and the Warsaw Pact on conventional weapons could only cast doubt about the peaceful protestations from the Soviet Union.

For the Alliance, Lord Mayhew said that Britain should acknowledge and re-

6 Treaty is significant because it shows the ice has broken up and is on the move

spond to the reforms under way in the Soviet Union and encourage their continuance.

It was a credit to the British Government that Mr Gorbachev chose to meet Mrs Thatcher before the superpowers talks. It enhanced British-Soviet relations and the international standing of Britain.

In his maiden speech, Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, the former Prime Minister, said that cuts in conventional forces by the Warsaw Pact would say more about what the peace initiative meant to Soviet defence policy than a 50 per cent cut in strategic nuclear weapons.

The more nuclear weapons were cut, the more the disparity between the conventional forces of NATO and the Warsaw Pact became apparent.

The Soviet Union might be ready to reduce conventional weapons if the estimate was correct that their forces had not been fully modernized, although the same could also be true of one or two members of NATO.

However, a cut in strategic weapons would create an addi-

tional sense of confidence and lift fear around the world.

He congratulated those who had negotiated the INF treaty. It may not mean much in percentage terms, but it was significant because it showed that the ice had broken up and was on the move.

He also urged the Government to work towards further co-operation on defence within NATO.

"I trust the Prime Minister will banish any lingering doubts that co-operation within Europe might endanger her relations with the United States."

The West needed a steady and consistent attitude towards disarmament as there had been too much swinging from one extreme to the other in recent years. NATO countries should compete where they must and co-operate where they could.

In his maiden speech, Lord Pym, the former Conservative Foreign Secretary, said that the main danger posed by the INF treaty and the summit meeting was to create excessive expectations in the minds of Western public opinion of a more peaceful world, lower expenditure on arms and a more relaxed attitude towards security.

The question was whether that was justified and in his mind the answer was definitely "not yet". Much more had to be achieved first.

Without parity in conventional weapons, the "de-nuclearization" of Europe would neutralize its deterrent, which must not be allowed.

The concept of zero options was popular and having said "yes" twice, the West must be robust and tough enough to say "no" to further proposals unless and until there was agreement for a balance in conventional weapons.

Many people were prepared to take Mr Gorbachev at face value and to criticize the Western leaders without a hearing. The enemy was complacency and taking peace for granted.

Lord Howe of the Lizard, the former Conservative Prime Minister, said that when he first heard of the agreement he was anxious that it might affect adversely NATO's policy of flexible response to aggression. He had been reassured by Lord Carrington's conviction that that would not happen.



Lord Callaghan of Cardiff: Cut in strategic weapons would create extra sense of confidence.

MPs seek BBC case pledge

Labour MPs sought reassurance about the privileges of the Commons after hearing from Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House, that the injunction against the BBC had been changed to lift reporting restrictions.

Even the Government had realized that it had encroached far too far on the liberties of the House, Mr John Morris, Opposition spokesman on legal affairs, said during a series of points of order.

He asked that Mr Wakeham should consult the Attorney General and then give a proper explanation of why there had been a variation in the injunction and what the Government's

position was on censorship generally.

Mr Wakeham confirmed that in the High Court this morning judgement was reserved but that a proviso was added by consent that the order should not prohibit:

● fair and accurate reporting of proceedings in open court in England and Wales;

● fair and accurate reporting of proceedings in both Houses of Parliament where publication is not prohibited by that House;

● publication of any facts concerning the security and intelligence services, including the identities of present or former members already made

public with the authority of the Crown.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Wokingham, Lab) said that he had tabled a parliamentary question last night asking for the injunction to be varied in the way it now had been.

Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South, Lab) said that it would be an outrage if it was thought by anybody that the terms of the House could be agreed by consent between the Attorney General and a judge.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): The privileges of this House are absolute. There can be no question of that.

Afghanistan occupation

Britain wants Soviet troops out now

The future of Afghanistan, sadly, rested with the Soviet leadership, whose efforts, with those of the Kabul regime, seemed designed to win a political victory where they had failed to win a military one, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during a short debate in the Commons early on Wednesday.

Mrs Chalker, the deputy Foreign Secretary, said that the British Government wanted an agreement on Soviet troop withdrawals from Afghanistan during next year.

It was also looking for progress at the United Nations talks in Geneva, aimed at ending the Soviet occupation, the eighth anniversary of which occurred at the end of this month. But there had been only prevarication from the Moscow and Kabul delegations.

"It is high time the suffering was brought to an end. It is high time the Soviet Union ceased to play its game."

The Prime Minister had reinforced such points to Mr Gorbachev during their meeting at Brize Norton on Monday.

Mr Alastair Goodlad (Edinburgh, C), who initiated the debate, drew MPs' attention to the fact that Afghanistan was on

FOREIGN OFFICE



Mrs Lynda Chalker: Looking for progress at UN.

the agenda for the superpower summit going on in Washington.

Afghanistan's increasing refugee problem was now one of the worst in the world. About one Afghan in two no longer lived where he or she did before the Soviet invasion.

Lack of co-operation from the Afghan Government meant that

aid organizations had to operate clandestinely. Only 20 of 40 doctors had remained in the areas - about three-quarters of the country - controlled by the resistance fighters, the Mujahidin.

"The Soviet Union are not yet prepared to risk letting the Afghans decide that their future should be other than a Communist one."

The Mujahidin had to be a party to negotiations about the future. Otherwise, they would continue to fight and that would give the Soviet Union the excuse to remain in the country.

Mrs Nicholas Soames (Crawley, C) asserted that further progress in superpower relations should be restrained until the Soviet Union righted a "wicked and terrible wrong, the 1979 rape of Afghanistan, a grotesque act of force, entirely unprovoked, against a small, unaligned, independent country."

"It was a monstrous, monstrous crime."

Mr Ian Taylor (Essex, C) paid credit to independent television news, particularly Mr Sandy Gall, for broadcasting reports that would otherwise have been denied to people. Unlike Vietnam, this war was inadequately reported.

Soviet attitudes towards and

actions in Afghanistan could not be ignored when it came to intermediate nuclear forces. They were a nation with different moral values from our own.

Mr Donald Anderson, an Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, said that the Afghan people would never lose. Even when they suffered reverses, their morale was always high.

He hoped that the Soviet Union would outline, during the Washington summit, a timetable of troop withdrawals.

Mrs Chalker spoke of changes that seemed to have occurred in the Soviet-Afghan position over the past two years.

She said that Kabul was now talking about "national reconciliation" and of welcoming the resistance fighters back. There had also been hints that gestures on troop withdrawals might be forthcoming.

"Do these welcome words have a foundation? The House must judge for itself."

There was wide belief that national reconciliation merely meant an invitation to capitulate.

What was needed was a decision in Moscow that the time was now right for a settlement.

Rees attacks Government for using civil injunctions

The following is a report of a Commons debate on the motion for which appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government was criticized for obtaining an injunction banning the BBC radio series *My Country, Right or Wrong*.

During the debate, Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley), a former Labour Home Secretary, said that the Government had drifted into using civil injunctions to achieve what it apparently could not achieve by using the criminal law.

He had read Spycatcher, the Peter Wright book, and the allegations about "dirty tricks" could not be called secret.

On the [radio] programme *My Country, Right or Wrong* he had said that the officers who served him in Northern Ireland were excellent. For the Government to argue that the dirty-tricks element had to be protected by criminal sanction or in any other way was false.

"I find it astonishing, and I do not believe it, that the first the Government, or its officers, heard about this [radio programme] was in *The Daily Telegraph*."

It was worrying that the Government was moving from

the Official Secrets Act to civil injunctions. The Government was depending on the judiciary to step in and make decisions that for a long time could be taken only on the basis of the Official Secrets Act.

"We are drifting into a Saragasso Sea of control of the media."

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C) said that he, too, was concerned about the drift of Government policy in the use of the law of confidentiality.

"At the heart of the problem is the Government's new invention. It is a Heath Robinson doctrine of absolute, lifelong confidentiality. That cannot be morally sustained in a free and democratic society."

The Government was seeking to produce changes by stealth, through the mouths of QCs rather than through ministers.

Retired Crown servants should be allowed to speak about innocuous matters, not relating to past or current operational matters.

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L) said that the Government had known about the programme months in advance. It was playing cat and mouse with the BBC.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen

Scots get more cash for jobs and housing

More money for jobs, education, health, housing and law and order is to be made available for Scotland from central Government, MPs were told in a statement.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, announced that spending would be increased in each of the next three years.

Mr Rifkind said that he intended to raise net expenditure to £8,505 million in 1988-89 - a 6.9 per cent increase over planned expenditure for this year. In each of the following two years expenditure provision was to grow by more than £100 million.

He went on to outline where the money was to go.

There would be £25 million for industry, with £10 million of that going to the Scottish Development Agency.

Provision for housing would be concentrated on capital investment for improving public sector housing rather than indiscriminate subsidies. The money available for capital investment was to be increased by £30 million and would continue to deal with private sector improvement grants.

Expenditure on agriculture and fisheries would be increased by £11 million, £16.5 million and £13.7 million over the coming three years.

Spending on education would rise to £2,186 million next year, up 9 per cent on this year. It would provide principally for current and capital expenditure by local authorities.

He intended to increase spending on the health programme by £130 million next year, to £2,393 million, and by more than £100 million in each of the next two years.

Within that increased provision, there would be more than £1,660 million for hospitals and community health services next year, £85 million more than this year.

His plans provided £680 million in 1988-89, an increase of 9.5 per cent, for law and order. That should be sufficient for an increase over present police establishments and for the cost of new working arrangements under the first start scheme in the prison service.

Money would be provided for improvements in prisons, court houses and the needs of the police and fire services.

Planned provision for transport would be up by about £12 million on this year. These sources available would enable investment in trunk roads to be

PUBLIC SPENDING

maintained at broadly current levels, with important by-passes being given priority.

A further £6 million was to be made available for the urban programme, which was the prime means of directing funds to the regeneration of inner cities. It would be possible to increase significantly the development of the industrial infrastructure in the new towns.

Provision for expenditure on the arts would increase by just under 6 per cent.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that rather than the tempting package of goodies they had been led to believe would be contained in the statement, the details unveiled could only be described as disappointing.

The 6.9 per cent increase in the current £8,505 million expenditure was £5 million less than had been given in the autumn statement.

The truth was that, allowing for inflation, this amounted to a cut of £87 million if taking into account the gross figure for 1987-88 against 1988-89, including the expenditure of capital receipts.

Again, in housing, the truth was that the figures represented a cut of £56 million in real terms, or £87 million if taking into account the gross figure for 1987-88 against 1988-89, including the expenditure of capital receipts.

That was an abdication of the Government's duty given the scale of the housing crisis facing Scotland.

There was an increase in real terms in spending on the health services, but was it adequate? Was there not an element of sleight of hand in that the increase had to accommodate increases in the health and social work budgets?

Whatever happened, the figures did not deal with the big problems facing the health services in Scotland.

Mr Rifkind said that if the worst that could be said about the statement was that it was disappointing, then that indicated its worth and the benefits it would bring to the people of Scotland.

There had been criticism of the provision for housing, but what mattered to the people of Scotland was how much was to be invested in the housing sector by local authorities, the Scottish Special Housing Association and housing corporations.

Decision soon on gambling

An announcement from the Home Secretary about whether there is need for further legislation to regulate the growth of amusement arcades was expected soon, perhaps before Christmas, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, told MPs.

A research project to examine the use that young people made of amusement arcades had been set up.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland: Prime Minister. Arms Control and Disarmament (Privileges and Immunities) Bill, remaining stages. London Regional Transport Bill, report, and London Docklands Railway (Beckton) Bill, second reading.

Correction

The Commons during questions on Monday suggesting that the level of voluntary giving by church parishioners would be higher if certain bishops had given more of a moral lead. Some have been attributed to Mr John Marshall (Hendon South, C).

Gallup poll

Science is seen as vital to prosperity

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

More than two-thirds of Britons believe national prosperity depends on advances in science and technology.

But they think politicians do not know enough about science to recognize its importance, according to a Gallup poll.

The survey was commissioned by the BBC for a programme, *No Science Please, We're British*, to be broadcast tonight on Radio 4.

The poll shows that more than 80 per cent of those questioned think it is important for Britain to be a leading nation in science.

Mr Copley said foreign employers had a different attitude.

"In America and Germany they do not provide overalls simply to cover the employees' own clothes. They supply the whole thing, including suits and shirts. Shirts are changed every day."

The *Workwear Report* (British Workwear Rental Council, Lancaster House Gate, 319 Pinner Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 4HX, £20).

But half of those asked also believe that scientific discovery can pose a danger to mankind and that scientists are too secretive.

The survey raises issues of science in schools, scientific coverage in the media and whether scientists do enough to promote the importance and excitement of their subject.

More than three-quarters of the 1,039 people aged over 16 questioned think every child should study the sciences up to the age of 16.

Television appears to provide more than half the

population (53 per cent) with most of their information about science and technology, with a quarter using books and newspapers as their source.

Impressions of scientists as a breed were eccentric (27 per cent), just like everyone else (67 per cent), in a world of their own (38 per cent), in touch with everyday life (50 per cent), open (21 per cent), secretive (56 per cent), responsible (74 per cent), irresponsible (9 per cent), sociable (39 per cent), unsociable (25 per cent), stylish (13 per cent), unfashionable (48 per cent), in-

teresting (64 per cent), dull (17 per cent), concerned with human welfare (55 per cent), concerned only with their careers (25 per cent).

Half the sample felt that the public should have more say in deciding what scientists do. Women are slightly more in favour of that than men.

Asked to name the three most famous scientists, living or dead, the leaders were: Einstein (31 per cent), Isaac Newton and Louis Pasteur (13 per cent), Marie Curie (10 per cent) and Alexander Fleming (9 per cent).

British team tests superconductor discovery

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

British researchers have tested a Japanese process for developing superconductor materials at unusually high temperatures.

The discovery by a team at Osaka University could transform the international race to exploit the ceramic materials, which lose their electrical resistance when chilled with liquid nitrogen at -196C.

A team at the Harwell Laboratory near Oxford has tested the Japanese claim and yesterday confirmed that the technique produces superconductivity in a ceramic compound at -93C. This less demanding temperature would ease commercial exploitation.

The Harwell team reports that the sample has kept its

superconducting ability for 45 days so far.

The Japanese process involves exposing a compound to a beam of high energy sub atomic particles from a nuclear reactor. The compound includes lanthanum, a silvery metallic chemical.

According to Dr Ron Bulough, head of the materials development division at

Harwell, the biggest surprise to scientists is that no one suspected the lanthanum compound could become a superconductor.

The Harwell team was carrying out more tests. It had found evidence that exposing the compound to more particles pushes still higher the superconductivity temperature.

Water rates will rise to meet EEC purity laws

Water rates will be increased to improve the quality of Britain's drinking water after a government admission that it has been flouting EEC pollution laws.

The cost of the programme, up to £6,000 million over the next few years, is likely to embarrass the Government, which wants to privatize the industry.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, insists there has been no risk to health. He has been forced to order the clean-up after EEC threats to prosecute Britain for failing to comply with drinking water standards.

The Government admits that 900,000 people receive tap water with nitrate levels in excess of Common Market maximum levels.

The environmental group Friends of the Earth says that a further four million have to drink water which sometimes strays above the limit.

The Water Authorities Association yesterday said it would cost several billion pounds to comply with the new interpretation of maxi-

mum admissible concentration of pollutants.

"There is no question of the Government meeting this cost. It will be the consumer who will have to foot the bill. The work will cost several billions of pounds and take years to complete", the association said.

"Talks are taking place with the Department of Environment about the cost and how the work is to proceed."

"It will mean new pumping stations and new pipelines. Just the planning application stage could take a year or more."

The clean-up will probably lead to much tougher controls over agricultural and industrial pollution and Mr Ridley is expected to announce before Christmas the creation of a National Rivers Authority to monitor quality levels and enforce them.

Friends of the Earth, which has campaigned over many months for the Government to comply with the EEC drinking water quality laws, lodged a further protest in

Brussels yesterday complaining that the clean-up campaign did not go far enough.

The group claims 49 sources of drinking water have exceeded the legal limit for nitrate since the directive was introduced last August. Mr Andrew Lees, a spokesman, said exemption for a further 46 areas from the legal nitrate limit should be cancelled.

He added that counties where nitrate levels have exceeded the EEC limit are: Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire.

Areas given exemption include the counties of Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Leicestershire, Hereford and Worcester, Gloucestershire, Hertfordshire, Northamptonshire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire and Shropshire.

The Environment Department said: "We will have to wait and see how much this new work will cost. But it will be down to the consumer to pay in higher water charges."

Scandal of 'dirty' workers

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

British employees are among the dirtiest in the industrialized world when it comes to overalls, a survey of more than 250 companies has shown.

The survey, by the British Workwear Rental Council, says it is time Britain caught up. Mr John Copley, council chairman, said: "Even in the food industry, where you could expect there to be higher standards of hygiene, 22 per cent of companies owning their own overalls leave the rate of the time they change them to the individuals."

Mr Copley said foreign employers had a different attitude.

"In America and Germany they do not provide overalls simply to cover the employees' own clothes. They supply the whole thing, including suits and shirts. Shirts are changed every day."

The *Workwear Report* (British Workwear Rental Council, Lancaster House Gate, 319 Pinner Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 4HX, £20).

Channel tunnel 'adds to danger of terrorist plots'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Channel tunnel will create difficulties in controlling the movement of international terrorists, Lord Colville of Culross, QC, warned the Government yesterday.

"Formidable problems confront the police, as well as Customs and Immigration, in adequately dealing with up to 750 passengers at a time in the numerous trains through the tunnel."

Lord Colville says in his review of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1984, that there would be three different types of train through the tunnel:

● Shuttle trains between the terminals at Folkestone and Calais;

● Direct trains between London (Waterloo) and Paris;

● Through trains for destinations beyond London and Paris.

The system of frontier controls by police, customs, immigration and the other frontier control authorities were operated differently for each of the different types of train.

On shuttle trains between the two terminals the English exit and French entry controls would be at Folkestone and the French exit and English entry controls at Calais.

On direct trains between London and Paris there would be airport terminal style con-

trols at London (Waterloo). On through trains going beyond London, frontier controls would be carried on the trains.

Lord Colville said that control over terrorism was plainly taken into account in the Channel Tunnel Act, 1987, and the Government's response to the Commons Select Committee's special report.

The Prevention of Terrorism Act gives the police powers to carry out security checks on travellers. It contains powers of detention and exclusion, it proscribes the IRA and INLA, and makes contributing to acts of terrorism and withholding informa-

tion about them international offences.

The report says that police anti-terrorist checks at air and sea ports and police powers to arrest and detain suspected terrorists should be the foundation of a new permanent Act when the current one expires in March 1989.

If immigration controls between member countries of the EEC disappeared, it would be seen by British police, tackling terrorism as a nightmare, unless they had their own powers.

"The British tradition of checks at frontiers, rather than within the country, highlights the concern", Lord Colville said.

"It may be that commitments under the Single European Act will not in the end mean that immigration controls as between member countries disappear."

Lord Colville opposes the Government's decision, announced yesterday by Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, to retain the power to grant exclusion orders.

Mr Hogg said the Government had concluded the power should be confirmed.

Review of the Operation of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1984 (Lord Colville of Culross, QC, Stationery Office, £6.80).

First night nerves for Prince



A nervous-looking Prince Henry held on tight to a friend and a teacher when he arrived for his stage debut in a Christmas play yesterday.

The Prince, aged three, was cast as Goliath One in "The Special Little Christmas Tree". The Prince and Princess of Wales were among parents who watched the play in a house opposite Mrs

Jane Myers's kindergarten in Notting Hill, west London.

Prince Henry had a non-speaking role, but delighted his parents when he appeared on stage with a shovel digging for diamonds in a woodland. He was dressed in a green tunic, red tights and a red bobble hat. The play ended with community carol singing, with the Prince

and Princess of Wales joining in.

Mrs Myers said the children started rehearsing five weeks ago. One mother said of the play: "Everyone was roaring with laughter and Harry was very sweet."

The play was similar to that in which the Prince's elder brother William gave his first public performance two years ago, cast as a "Big Bad Wolf".

Attack fear over anarchist booklet

A clandestine anarchist group known as Hurricane has produced a 60-page booklet giving the names and addresses of business people according to a bulletin of the Research Foundation for the Study of Terrorism.

Hurricane urges militants to harass them "using this booklet as a map".

The bulletin says: "The booklet, *Written in Flames*, has been described as having been produced with a violent purpose in mind. Hurricane has already been reported to have been linked to violent incidents."

"It has been said that some of these incidents have included attacks on government inspectors by operators of pirate radio stations."

"According to police sources it was also active in agitation during the often violent demonstrations during the course of the News International dispute at Wapping, with two other violently minded anarchist groups."

"Most of the members of Hurricane are said to be drawn from squatter groups in London and other large cities and are organized in cells."

The research foundation has organized a two-day conference in Berkshire on Terrorism, Business and Industry which began yesterday. The speakers include experts on anti-terrorism from France and West Germany and the heads of three branches of Scotland Yard, the Covert Operations Group, the Royal and Diplomatic Protection Group and the Specialist Operations Crime Branch.

The chairman of the Foundation's trustees is Professor Paul Williams, Professor of International Relations, Aberdeen University.

The chairman of the Foundation's trustees is Professor Paul Williams, Professor of International Relations, Aberdeen University.

The chairman of the Foundation's trustees is Professor Paul Williams, Professor of International Relations, Aberdeen University.

The chairman of the Foundation's trustees is Professor Paul Williams, Professor of International Relations, Aberdeen University.

Military hospitals 'wasting millions'

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

An extra 18,000 patients could be treated each year in under-used Ministry of Defence hospitals but for a prolonged and trivial dispute with the Department of Health and Social Security, it was said yesterday.

The all-party Public Accounts Committee published a scathing report condemning both departments for a state of affairs which wasted several million pounds a year and coincided with record waiting lists in the National Health Service.

"We think it deplorable that a wrangle in Whitehall over who should bear what must only be a marginal extra cost should have been allowed to proceed at such a leisurely pace that it has delayed for many years the fuller use of expensive Service hospital resources."

They demanded that the two departments reach an agreement by the end of the financial year.

The ministry runs nine hospitals in Britain and 10 overseas at a cost of £143 million. Occupancy in the British hospitals averages 61 per cent, compared with a ministry target of up to 80 per cent and an NHS occupancy figure of 76 per cent in the acute sector.

Ministry hospitals have always treated a large number of civilians free to meet training

needs. In 1973, an independent report said that more civilian patients should be treated in return for DHSS financial help.

According to Treasury evidence, the department argues that the ministry needs the patients for training and should bear the cost. The MoD argues that it is already subsidizing the NHS and cannot make extra funds available. The Treasury has been exerting pressure on both sides since 1984.

Elsewhere, the report criticizes the inefficient management of ministry hospitals which wasted £12 million in 1984-85 through surplus staff. They doubt whether so many military hospitals are needed. Committee of Public Accounts: Ministry of Defence Service Hospitals (Stationery Office, £3.90).

● A consultant who refused to operate on as a protest against facilities at a teaching hospital agreed to work normally again yesterday.

Mr John Hawkesford, a consultant oral and maxillo facial surgeon at the Newcastle General Hospital on Tyneside, began his action a week ago.

He complained that he had to work between different theatres spread over the sprawling site and that his specialist instruments were often in the wrong place. Mr Hawkesford said that financial constraints were to blame.

Women's screening fears

By Kerry Gill

An extensive health education programme for women is essential to ensure the best use of the national breast screening service, a conference at the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, was told yesterday.

Dr Maureen Roberts, clinical director of the city's breast screening clinic, said 99.5 per cent of women screened did not end up with cancer, but many were either fearful of the outcome of a test or disliked medical examinations.

Up to 24,000 women develop breast cancer each year and about 15,000 die from the condition. Dr Roberts told the conference, organized by the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, that a recent analysis in Edinburgh showed only 64 per cent of women invited to a first screening turned up. Older working-class women were the least likely to attend.

She urged a campaign to encourage a greater take-up of screening services, with general practitioners playing an important role.

Aids plea on prison drug use

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Heroin addicts in prisons should be given drugs, needles and condoms to prevent the spread of Aids, a drug education researcher says.

Up to 10,000 drug abusers were jailed last year, representing about a fifth of the prison population, according to Mr Russell Newcombe, who writing in the *Mersey Drugs Journal*, published by Mersey Regional Health Authority.

By August 62 prisoners, including three women, were known to have the infection, but the true figure may be nearer 250. Last year 27 needles and 41 syringes were found.

Mr Newcombe, of the Liverpool Drug Education Research Project, said: "A single syringe can be passed around among 30 to 40 people within a single day in prison, without being properly disinfected or even rinsed. The only reason that the same syringe is not shared indefinitely is that the needle will eventually become unusable."

ETHIOPIA IN CRISIS DON'T WAIT TO SEE THEM DIE

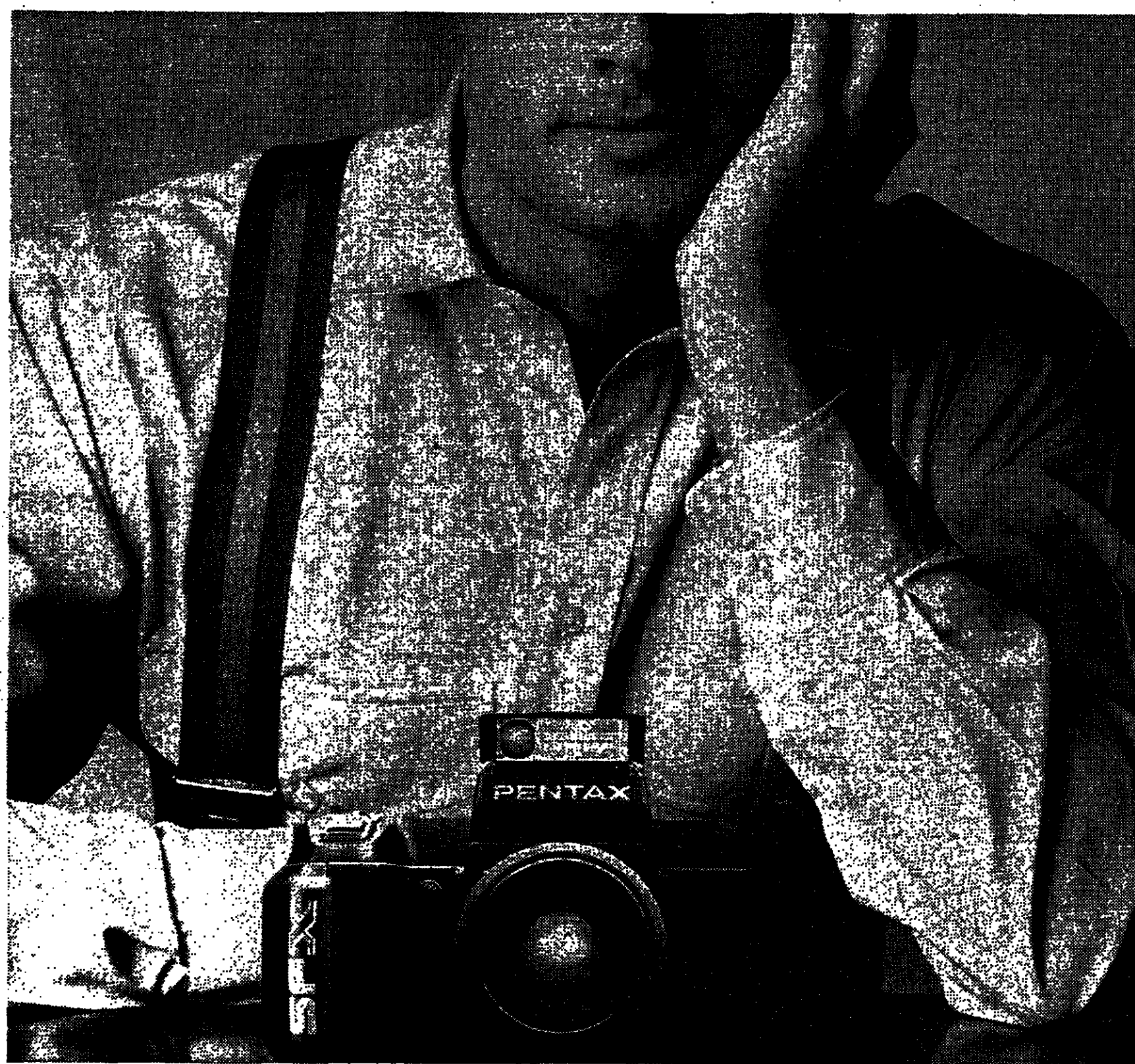
We must not wait until our television screens accurately reflect the horror of the Ethiopian crisis. The situation is already desperate - without our help it can only become more so. Money you pledge today will be immediately released to Ethiopia to provide food, medical supplies and transport. Please, please, act now. Make your pledge by phone.



0604 22964 CALL NOW

WORLD VISION

Practical Christian Care
Or send your donation to: Ethiopian Emergency Fund, P.O. Box 121, Northampton.
Registered Charity No. 225580



THE MAN WHO HAS EVERYTHING.

THE PENTAX SFX: THE MOST COMPLETE AUTOFOCUS SLR CAMERA EVER DEVELOPED.

BECAUSE THE SFX IS TOTALLY SELF-CONTAINED YOU CAN CAPTURE IMAGES THAT PASS OTHER SLR AUTOFOCUS CAMERAS BY ANYTIME, ANYPLACE, ANYWHERE.

ITS SPEED AND VERSATILITY IS ACHIEVED THROUGH A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF ULTRA-QUICK AUTOFOCUSING AND THROUGH-LENS FLASH.

THE AUTOFOCUS UNIT IS ONE OF THE FASTEST THERE IS - 0.3 SECONDS WITH A 35-70MM ZOOM LENS.

BUT FOR PERFECT IMAGE SHARPNESS AND SEPARATION, YOU NEED ACCURACY AS WELL AS SPEED.

THEY'RE BOTH TAKEN CARE OF BY A MOST INGENUOUS PIECE OF PENTAX DEVELOPED TECHNOLOGY: THE SENSOR ABILITY FORTIFYING OPTICAL COMPENSATION SYSTEM, KNOWN TO ITS FRIENDS AS 'SAFOX'.

THIS IS BUILT INTO THE SFX'S PHASE MATCHING SYSTEM, AND, COMBINED WITH THE VERY LATEST IN HIGH-PRECISION MECHANICAL SYSTEMS, ENSURES AN EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH LEVEL OF FOCUSING ACCURACY AND RESPONSE, UNDER ALL CONDITIONS.

THE FLASH SYSTEM, TOO, IS READY TO RESPOND QUICKLY IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

THROUGH-LENS FLASH ACTUALLY ADJUSTS THE AMOUNT OF FLASH THAT'S THROWN ON ANY SUBJECT, GIVING

PERFECT LIGHTING AND ELIMINATING 'DARK CORNERS' (IT'S AMAZING WHAT YOU DISCOVER LURKING IN DARK CORNERS.)

IT PUTS THE 'FLASHMATIC' UNITS, BORROWED FROM COMPACT CAMERAS YOU FIND ON OTHER SLR AUTOFOCUS CAMERAS, IN THE SHADE.

AND BECAUSE THE FLASH IS BUILT IN, THERE'S NOTHING TO SLOW YOU DOWN.

WHILE ORDINARY SLR OWNERS FUMBLE TO FIT FLASH 'UNITS' TO HOTSHOES, THE SFX OWNER SIMPLY PRESSES A BUTTON. UP POPS THE FLASH, HOTFOOT, AND YOU'RE READY TO SHOOT.

BUT WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE DOWN, HOW DO YOU FOCUS?

THE AUTOFOCUS SPOT BEAM PROJECTOR IS ANOTHER HIGHLY INGENUOUS, BUILT-IN, DEVICE, LOCATED NEXT TO THE TTL FLASH.

IT PROJECTS A SPOT BEAM OF RED LIGHT AGAINST THE IMAGE, WHICH ENABLES THE SFX TO FOCUS WITH EXTRAORDINARY ACCURACY AND SPEED IN THE MURKIEST CONDITIONS.

BUT IS THIS TECHNOLOGY GETTING OUT OF HAND?

NO CHANCE.

A COMPREHENSIVE LCD INFORMATION DISPLAY AND ERGONOMIC MODE SWITCHES HELP TO MAKE THE SFX AN EXTREMELY USER FRIENDLY PACKAGE.

IT'S AN EXTREMELY ELEGANT PACKAGE, TOO.

PERFECT, IN FACT, FOR THE MAN WHO HAS EVERYTHING.

PENTAX SFX

THERE'S MORE TO US THAN MEETS THE EYE.

PENTAX UK LIMITED PENTAX HOUSE, SOUTH HILL AVE, SOUTH HARRON, WIGAN, LANC. W14 0JZ

مركز الاتصال

Mbeki rally banned as Pretoria hawks hit at release policy

From Michael Horowitz, Johannesburg

The Chief Magistrate of Wynberg, a suburb of Cape Town, yesterday refused permission for Mr Govan Mbeki, the African National Congress veteran, to hold an open-air rally in the coloured (mixed-race) township of Athlone on Sunday.

Mr Willem Theron, the magistrate, took the decision after being advised by the security police that as many as 100,000 people might attend the rally, and that such a large crowd would threaten the safety of the state and the maintenance of public order.

At the end of last month, the acting Chief Magistrate of Port Elizabeth gave permission for a rally to be held in Mr Mbeki's home town in the nearby black township of Zwijndorp. But he was over-ruled 24 hours later by the local police chief after a fierce row in the Cabinet.

Hopes that the release of Mr Mbeki from jail might be followed in the near future by the freeing of Nelson Mandela and other senior ANC figures have been dashed by a sharp toughening of Pretoria's stance in the run-up to an electoral test of strength early next year with extreme right-wing political forces.

The Government has also backtracked rapidly on hints dropped a few weeks ago that it might be prepared to consider setting up a single all-race legislature in Natal province, one of the key constitutional proposals put forward by the so-called Natal indaba.

As a consequence, Chief Mangosuthu Buthe, the Zulu leader and the only black politician of importance who does not demand immediate majority rule, has said that he is thinking again about his support for the indaba, the only political initiative which has shown any signs of promise over the past year or so.

When Mr Mbeki was set free on November 3, after 24 years in jail, it was seen as a victory for the "doves" faction in the South African Cabinet, led by the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, and a defeat for the security chiefs.

Mr Coetsee said at the time that the popular response to Mr Mbeki's release, as well as the ANC veteran's own conduct, would be monitored closely. Both would be factors in any decision the Government might take on Mandela and other black leaders still in jail.

In closed briefings during the past 10 days for local parliamentary correspondents, Mr Adrian Vlok, the Minister of Law and Order, and Lieutenant-General Johan van der Merwe, the head of the security police, have made clear that they think the Mbeki experiment has failed.

Mr Vlok was quoted as saying that the Government had "not got its pound of

the Government because they could no longer be accused of taking advantage of the imprisonment of more popular figures.

The security chiefs have never been impressed by this line of reasoning, and they advised against the release of Mr Mbeki, who lost optimism reaffirming his continued support for the ANC and its banned ally, the South African Communist Party.

At the end of last week, General van der Merwe issued a warning that the police would not hesitate to act against Mr Mbeki "should it be required by law". This was seen as a possible prelude to declaring him a "banned" person.

As a self-proclaimed Communist, he is already "listed", which means he cannot be quoted in the local press. If he were "banned", he could be placed under virtual house arrest and forbidden from attending any kind of public meeting.

Government sources say that ministers have been shaken by the number of letters they have received from white voters strongly criticizing the release of Mr Mbeki.

By-elections are due early next year in two key rural Transvaal constituencies, Sanderton and Schweizer-Reneke. The Government lost both seats by narrow majorities to the extreme right-wing Conservative Party at the general election in May.

If the Conservative Party further strengthens its position in the two constituencies it could have an inhibiting influence on government policy for the rest of the year in the run-up to nationwide municipal elections next October.

LEISURE: South African troops have moved deeper into Angola despite Pretoria's announcement of a withdrawal, the official Angolan news agency, Angop, said yesterday (Reuters reports).

The troops, fighting alongside UNITA rebels, seem to be preparing another strike in Camero province, Angop said.

Communists' show of strength

A million march to denounce Gandhi

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A million people swirled around the great processionary heart of Delhi yesterday, brought together by a coalition of four left-wing political parties to demand the resignation of the Prime Minister of India, Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

The demonstration which brought these immense numbers of country people to the city and lasted virtually all day was a vasty impressive manifestation of the organizational skills of the communist parties. But the Government of Mr Gandhi did not so much as blink.

The massive operation was a bid by the communists to be considered a national alternative to Mr Gandhi's Congress (I) party, and to show their strength in the heart of India's key northern Hindi-speaking belt. It will be followed up by a series of other days of action, culminating in a nationwide general strike.

The crowd, waving red banners and sporting red ribbons, was mainly good-humoured and well-behaved. Many spent much of the day wandering wide-eyed around the city shopping centres.

Among the speakers were Mr Jyoti Basm, the Communist Party (Marxist) Chief Minister of West Bengal, who declared that the Government was reeling under one scandal after another and had lost the right to govern.

"The Government has failed to honour even a single one of its election promises," he said.

Speakers from the Communist Party of India, the Revolutionary Socialist Party, and the Forward Bloc endorsed a resolution which blamed the Government for every fault in the Marxist ledger, for economic misrule and for consorting with multi-nationals.

The bid by the communists to establish themselves as a "policy-based" alternative to Congress follows the opposition parties' failure all through the year to unite on any one single issue—even the call for a mid-term election.

The right wing of the Bharatiya Janata Party has been a principal fly in the ointment, and the communist parties have steadfastly refused to join any front which included them, missing them for Hindu communalism.



A riot policeman keeping watch on the mass of marchers in the communist rally yesterday.

Leaflet attack on Thai heir

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

The Thai armed forces and police have threatened to take drastic measures against "national enemies" who they say are undermining the monarchy by circulating defamatory leaflets about the Thai royal family.

Contents of the leaflets, which have been circulating throughout the country for weeks, have not been disclosed officially. But they are known to be highly offensive to the heir to the throne, Crown Prince Vajiralongkorn.

General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, the Army Commander in Chief, said that the armed forces would strike back decisively at this intolerable campaign. "We have

some clues," he said, "and we must do something very soon." The armed forces had restrained themselves until now because the nation had been celebrating the King's 60th birthday.

Military warnings coupled with appeals to the public to expose the culprits have been broadcast several times on television and radio. In them the armed forces promise to protect the monarchy, which they describe as the highest national institution, and to take "all measures, however drastic" to end the campaign against them.

The Bangkok Post, which is close to the establishment, said in a leading article yesterday that gossip about the leaflets had "grown like a cancer" through Thailand. It warned gossips and anyone making copies of the leaflets that they could get into real trouble with the law. Those who criticize the monarchy and members of the royal family can be imprisoned for up to 15 years.

The Crown Prince, aged 35, who is the main target of the leaflets, is a controversial figure. He is an active major general in the Army and an experienced jet pilot, and is married to Princess Soamsawali, aged 30, who was born in London. They have a nine-year-old daughter, Princess Bhijara Kittiyadha.

Vanunu calls on defence expert

Jerusalem — Mr Abba Eban, chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee, gave evidence yesterday in the secret trial of Mr Mordechai Vanunu, the Sunday Times nuclear informant (Ian Murray writes).

Mr Eban was called by the defence because, as chairman of Israel's defence watchdog, he is best qualified to judge whether Mr Vanunu's story endangered national security.

The High Court will rule today on a defence plea for evidence to be heard in public. The next session of the case will be on December 23, when Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, will give evidence at the insistence of the defence.

Hijack alarm slip by pilot

Frankfurt (Reuters) — Luft-hansa said a report that one of its planes had been hijacked over Turkey was a false alarm.

The airline said the pilot of a flight from Izmir, southern Turkey, to Frankfurt had accidentally pressed a button setting off a hijack alarm.

New president

Berne (Reuters) — The Swiss Parliament elected the Finance Minister, Mr Otto Stich, to the country's largely ceremonial presidency.

Riot reprieve

Tunis (Reuters) — M Driss Guiga, a former Tunisian Interior Minister who returned from exile to challenge a 10-year hard labour sentence imposed after 1984 bread riots has been given a suspended five-year jail term with hard labour.

Heroin haul

Belgrade (Reuters) — Yugoslav customs have seized 176 lb of heroin on the Bulgarian border in the past month.

Body woes

Munich (Reuters) — A poll conducted by the magazine Wiener has discovered that many West German women are unhappy with their breasts. Of 1,148 women questioned, 65 per cent thought that their breasts were too small and 24 per cent that they were too large.

any hospital ing millions

The Government has also backtracked rapidly on hints dropped a few weeks ago that it might be prepared to consider setting up a single all-race legislature in Natal province, one of the key constitutional proposals put forward by the so-called Natal indaba.

Aids ple on prison drug use

Prisoners in South Africa are being encouraged to use condoms to prevent the spread of AIDS, a report says.



Energy Efficient Design sets a new standard for commercial buildings.

A new concept in commercial building construction is here. It's called Energy Efficient Design. Put simply, it applies the temperature-maintaining principle of the vacuum flask, namely excellent insulation, to new commercial buildings.

By careful integration of Energy Efficient Design's higher standards of insulation with well controlled, direct-acting electric heating, overall comfort levels are improved, yet total construction costs and total cost in use can be significantly lower than for conventional buildings.

For the property developer, capital outlay is reduced,

while improved comfort means the building is more attractive to prospective tenants.

For the architect, the space saving aspects of Energy Efficient Design mean greater flexibility in spatial layout, because electric space heating eliminates central boilers, pipework and flues. For the quantity surveyor, project costs are foreseeable and manageable, and electric heating systems quick to install.

For the building services engineer, heating installation and commissioning are simpler, and the system more reliable, virtually maintenance-free and easier to control.

The tenant benefits too, from a comfortably heated building with competitive owning and operating costs. The higher insulation standards and controllability of Energy Efficient Design buildings minimise the heating needs during occupation and lower cost night-rate electricity provides the early-morning warm up before the winter working day starts.

You should be considering Energy Efficient Design. The benefits can be considerable.

Send the coupon for more information, or dial 100 and ask for Freephone PlanElectric.

Please send me information on Energy Efficient Design buildings. Post to: Electricity Publications, PO Box 2, Feltham, Middlesex TW14 0TG.

Name _____

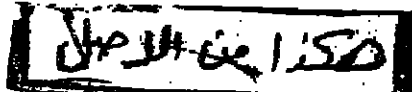
Position _____

Company/Address _____

Post code _____ Telephone _____

PLANELECTRIC
Energy for Life

0804 2299
CALL NOW
WORLD VISION

[illegible]

WORLD ROUNDUP

Aquino's troops hold coup leader

Manila — Colonel Gregorio Honasan, below, leader of an abortive military coup attempt against President Aquino in August, was captured last night after about 50 men from a government security unit surrounded the house where he was hiding (Humphrey Hawkesley writes).



Colonel Honasan, who was considered a serious threat to the future of Mrs Aquino's Government, did not resist and shook hands with his captors before being taken away. Eight supporters were arrested with him.

Fifty-three people died in the military rebellion when mutinous soldiers attacked the Malasang Palace, television stations and military camps. They briefly held one of the main Army camps in Manila, but Colonel Honasan escaped in a helicopter as troops loyal to the Government moved in. He said repeatedly that he would continue his campaign against the Government, which he described as corrupt and neglected military grievances. But in the last few weeks several of his key supporters have given themselves up to prevent forfeiting their salaries and government housing.

Football air crash

London (AP) — A twin-engine Panavia Tornado carrying 17 members of the England soccer team, flying from a successful night in the jungle province of Biscaya and an estimated 25 other people has crashed into the Pacific a few miles north here.

Initial report controllers said the pilot of the Tornado, a Fokker and some passengers were believed to have survived. The plane was declared missing on Tuesday night when it failed to arrive from Pucallpa, 265 miles north-east of Lima.

Killer left a letter

Melbourne (AP) — Police say dropout law student Frank Vitkovice, aged 22, left a long letter for his parents before shooting dead eight people and wounding four others in a city centre building and then hurling himself from an 11th-floor window.

Mr Vaughan Werner, the Assistant Police Commissioner, declined to say what was in the letter. Mr Werner, who said he expected an official statement on Vitkovice's motive once a coroner's verdict is reached, added that there were indications that Tuesday's rampage was premeditated.

Child diseases alert

A "silent emergency" in the developing world is claiming the lives of 250,000 children every week, according to a report published today by Unicef (Thomson Prance writes). Half of the deaths from measles, whooping cough, tetanus and diarrhoeal diseases could be prevented by low-cost methods such as immunization and oral rehydration therapy, the report says in a call for a health education effort, similar to that directed towards preventing AIDS.

The State of The World's Children 1988 (Oxford University Press, 116 High Street, Oxford OX1 4BE; £2.95).

Equal partners

Canberra — Australia and New Guinea, its first protectorate, yesterday signed an agreement covering trade, investment and co-operation which will guide bilateral relations into the next century (Keith Brown writes).

The declaration was signed by Mr Bob Hawke, Prime Minister of Australia, and the Papua New Guinea Prime Minister, Mr Pato Sauti, who is on his first visit to Australia.

Assassin deported

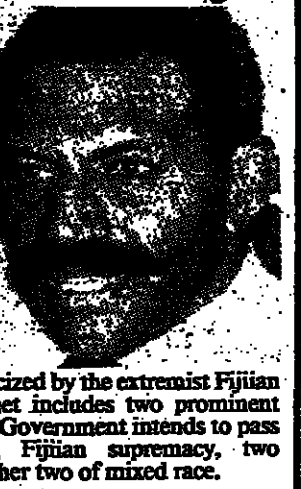
Stockholm — Under conditions of strict security, Sweden yesterday sought to rid itself of an embarrassing international problem by deporting Miro Basic, a Croatian nationalist who shot dead Vladimir Rolovic, the Yugoslav Ambassador in Stockholm, in 1971 (Christopher Mosey writes).

Basic was freed from jail after serving nine years and was then deported with his wife and two children to Paraguay.

New Cabinet for Fiji

Suva — The Prime Minister of Fiji, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, last night named a 21-member Cabinet with something for everybody, except the Indian-led coalition dominated by two military coups (A correspondent writes).

Although described as a "technocratic" Government, it included Brigadier Sitiveni Rabuka, right, leader of the coup and of the military regime which followed, and three of his colonels. Even though the change to civilian rule last weekend was criticized by the extremist Fijian nationalist movement, the Cabinet includes two prominent nationalist leaders. While the new Government intends to pass a Constitution guaranteeing Fijian supremacy, two ministers are Indians and another two of mixed race.



Battle rages at Gaza Strip hospital



Two Palestinian women running to avoid a cloud of Israeli tear gas dropped at Shifrah Hospital in Gaza town yesterday.

Two young Arabs killed as Israelis fire at protesters

Two young Palestinians were shot dead in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip yesterday and 27 others wounded as troops opened fire to break up angry demonstrations.

A curfew was imposed from noon on Jabalia camp, where trouble began early yesterday morning with a protest about a road accident the previous evening in which four Arabs from the camp were killed when their cars were in collision with an Israeli truck.

Troops moved into the camp and began firing live ammunition after a petrol bomb was flung at them.

Hanan Alsia, aged 17, was killed and more than 20 other Arabs were wounded, one of

them seriously. According to the Army, the dead youth had thrown the petrol bomb at them.

The casualties were taken to Shifrah Hospital in Gaza town, where another angry protest erupted as soldiers arrived and tried to enter the building.

Again there was firing into the air and Mr Raed Shideh, aged 20, fell dead on a rooftop in front of the hospital from which he had been shooting at the troops.

A companion who was standing beside him was also seriously wounded.

During the afternoon, there were demonstrations throughout the occupied Strip, with more troops being sent in to

try to maintain order.

Tension in the area was already high after the killing of an Israeli soldier on Sunday and the shooting dead of a Palestinian schoolgirl, aged 17, at the end of last month, apparently by an Israeli settler.

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, made clear on Tuesday evening that he had no intention of agreeing to an Israeli withdrawal from Gaza.

In a speech to MPs of his Likud Party, he angrily rejected the idea put forward this week by Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour Party leader, that it was time to demilitarize the Strip and to

dismantle the settlements there.

Mr Shamir branded his rival as the "defeatist with a scalpel who wants to put Israel on the operating table so that he can give away Gaza today, Judea and Samaria tomorrow, and the Golan after that. He is trying to scare us into surrender."

The Prime Minister continued: "Does anyone think seriously that Israel will halt settlement work... and dismantle the flourishing villages there? Never!"

He added: "What does Peres mean by proposing the demilitarization of Gaza? Is Gaza like Sinai? Does he simply mean handing Gaza over to terrorist rule?"

Children's plight upsets Geldof

News of a dramatic deterioration in the health of children in the famine-stricken region of Tigré was left to Bob Geldof as he left Addis Ababa yesterday after a 10-day tour of Ethiopia. The pop star, alarmed by the news, seized the opportunity to appeal to the public to give money to stem the famine.

Father Jack Finucane, the director of the Irish agency, Concern, met Mr Geldof just before he boarded his aircraft. The latest reports from Wukro, a large food distribution point in Tigré, were that the death rate among children had risen from five a month to five a week.

Father Finucane, who ran one of the largest voluntary agency programmes during the 1984-85 famine, said: "Doctors in the hospital at Wukro are reporting additional admissions of 100 children a day. Sixty per cent of these cases are directly attributable to malnutrition. The death rate six weeks ago was five a month. Now it is five a week: this is a disproportionate increase."

"It is very alarming. It shows how suddenly the downturn comes. It was the same last time. One week everything seems under control, the next people are dying in large numbers."

Last week 70,000 people gathered in Wukro to receive food aid, and then returned to their homes. But a survey by the Red Cross shows that 9 per cent of the children who attended were severely malnourished. And 60 per cent were "moderately" malnourished.

Father Finucane said: "Refugee camps are now once more inevitable in Ethiopia. Concern had already started recruiting doctors and nurses in Ireland to staff the shelters. 'The famine is no longer imminent: it is here,' he said."

Mr Geldof then made a strong appeal for the inter-

national public to give money to Ethiopia. He urged people in Britain to contribute to the Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal run by Oxfam, Save the Children, Christian Aid, Cafod and the Red Cross. "It is essential that people see beyond the politics of the famine to the fundamental need of people who are starving," he said. His journey round the northern regions had revealed a situation far worse than he expected.

Mr Geldof left Ethiopia for Mozambique, where he intends to make a fact-finding tour of that country's famine-hit regions.

Japanese fire warning shots at Soviet plane

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japanese jet fighters fired warning shots at an intruding Soviet Tu16 Badger bomber yesterday and the Prime Minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita, ordered that a protest be made to Moscow.

It was the first time since the Second World War that the country's Air Self-Defence Force aircraft had ever fired in the vicinity of a foreign aircraft, in an unprecedentedly sharp reaction to a violation of air space.

Despite the warning burst of tracer fire from a Japanese F4 Phantom the Soviet Tu16 Badger continued to fly through Japanese airspace for at least 45 minutes.

The Badger fired on one of a group of four flying north near the Ryukyu Islands. The Phantom radioed the Badger and rocked its wings, ordering it either to leave Japanese air space or land at the Phantom's Naha base. When the Russian pilot ignored these warnings the Japanese opened fire with 100 rounds of tracer.

The shots were fired as the plane flew east of the main island of Okinawa, violating Japanese air space for about seven minutes. It then turned and flew between the main island and two outlying islands for a further 45 minutes.

Twin-engine Badgers regularly pass close to Japan on their way from bases in the Soviet Union to Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam. Japanese jets have been scrambled 20 times already this year, but this was the most serious violation.

Since Japan regained responsibility for its own air space in 1964 there have been some 800 interceptions.

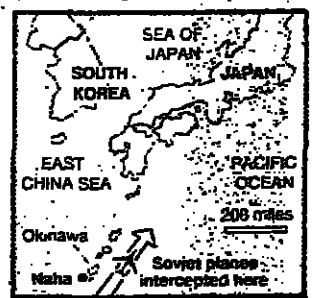
Soviet jets often navigate a narrow air channel between Japan and South Korea, but lately there had been fewer such flights after the North Koreans gave permission for direct overflights by Soviet military aircraft.

The incident came, ironically, on a day when the Japanese defence establishment was celebrating the signing of the INF Treaty between the US and the Soviet Union.

and warning that it meant no slackening in the build-up of Japan's conventional defences. Though the treaty will ultimately eliminate the 171 SS20 missiles east of the Urals which are aimed at Asia, it does not cope with the anti-shiping and cruise missiles which the Badger is capable of carrying.

It comes, too, at a time when the Japanese Government has been hearing more friendly noises from the Soviet Union, with the change of leadership in Tokyo, and amid expectations of improved relations in tandem with the warmer US-Soviet relationship.

The INF Treaty has been welcomed by Mr Takeshita and by the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, both of which were hit by atomic bombs in



the closing stages of the war, but defence critics have been less enthusiastic.

Their concern is that the treaty does not deal with the ship-based cruise missiles which are building up most quickly in the Pacific since they began to be deployed there in 1984.

Professor Yoshikazu Sakamoto, of Tokyo University's department of political science, said that the treaty put forward two roles for Japan: to show an example to the world by adhering rigidly to its three non-nuclear principles of no manufacture, stockpiling or storage of nuclear weapons on Japanese soil, combined with keeping defence expenditure below 1 per cent of GNP; and secondly, promoting the elimination of bombers from the Pacific region.

EEC faces default on its office rent

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The first direct consequence of the failure of the EEC Copenhagen summit meeting last weekend to agree on an overhaul of European finances hit home yesterday. The European Commission announced that the EEC would begin to run out of money to meet commitments early in 1988, and would not even be able to meet the rent on its Brussels headquarters.

Mr Henning Christophersen, the Budget Commissioner, said the Community would go over to an emergency system based on this year's revenue. As a result, EEC coffers would be short by some £7 billion next year.

One of the "first victims" of the cash crisis would, he said, be the 10 per cent of customs duties and farm levies normally refunded to member states to cover the administrative costs of collecting revenues. Officials said this meant that unless reforms were agreed at the special EEC summit in Brussels in February Britain would forfeit

out £6 million a month, beginning in March.

The cash shortages will put extra pressure on EEC leaders to settle their differences in February. French leaders want the crisis resolved before the presidential and parliamentary elections in the spring, while Chancellor Kohl of West Germany has an anxious eye on local elections in Baden-Württemberg in March and in Schleswig-Holstein.

EEC budget ministers yesterday made one final attempt to agree a draft 1988 budget before the end of the year, but gave up after two hours. One EEC diplomat said: "There was no way they could draw up a budget when the summit itself had failed to resolve basic questions."

Mr Christophersen said that the Commission would take the Council of Ministers, which represents the governments of the twelve, to the European Court for failing to agree a draft budget for the first time in the history of the Community.

Mitterrand intervenes over expulsions

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

With his usual deft political touch, President Mitterrand has intervened in the controversy surrounding France's deportation of anti-Khomeini Iranian activists earlier this week.

In line with his insistence on playing an active role in shaping the country's foreign policy, Mitterrand has asked the Chinese Government for "useful details" of the cooperation which ended with 17 members of the Iranian People's Mujahedin Organisation being put on board a military flight to Gabon in West Africa the day after they were expelled from Paris.

According to the Elysée, the President's request was made Wednesday Cabinet meeting. Nothing that France had already been asked for an explanation of the expulsions by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, he is said to have drawn ministers' attention to the sections of the French Constitution and the Geneva Convention concerning the protection of political exiles.

Predictably enough, Mitterrand's request was met with a frosty silence. The Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, and his senior colleagues are uncomfortably aware that bumbling some of the Iranian regime's sworn

enemies out of the country so soon after the return of the two French hostages looks very much like part of a larger deal.

A few hours later, however, the Government hit back at the opposition in a trenchant speech in the National Assembly by M Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister. After confirming that nine of the deported Mujahedin had officially registered as refugees, he insisted that Article 33 of the Geneva Convention gave France the "perfect right" to expel anyone posing a threat to public order.

M Pasqua also attacked the previous Socialist Government for putting up for so long with the activities of the "hundreds of terrorists" whom "you wel-

comed into France".

The Government also understands perfectly that M Mitterrand's concern for the Preamble of the 1946 Constitution (anyone persecuted for the pursuit of freedom has a right to asylum in the Republic) and article 1/A-2 of the Geneva Convention cannot be divorced from the coming presidential election in France. While the majority of voters are probably indifferent to the fate of the expelled Mujahedin, anything which furthers the impression that France has entered into a deeply dishonourable understanding with Ayatollah Khomeini's regime cannot help M Chirac's cause.

French press coverage of the

affair is not helping much either. Yesterday's issue of *Le Monde* points out that hardly any senior figures in the People's Mujahedin headquarters just outside Paris were included in the round-up of those whom the French Government has described as "threats to national security".

There is considerable interest, too, in an article in the current edition of *Paris Match*. This usually well-informed magazine quotes diplomatic sources close to Ayatollah Khomeini as confirming that the expulsion of the last 500 Mujahedin from France was a pre-condition of securing Iranian assistance in rescuing the remaining three French hostages.

Both were first elected to the House of Assembly in 1972. Their tempers and outspokenness match, as does their sense of Gibraltar's nationalism. But the comparison ends with their reputations as hard workers.

Where Mr Canepa has been involved intensely in the day-to-day affairs of government for 20 years, Mr Bossano, a middle-aged man, is constantly involved in negotiations with employers. Mr Canepa's reputation has been built on security. Mr Bossano's, on cunning.

Sir Joshua's decision to go leaves Gibraltar bewildered

From Dominique Searle, Gibraltar

Gibraltar's 25,000 inhabitants have been left bewildered by the retirement of their Chief Minister, Sir Joshua Hassan. With the father of local politics gone, all minds are now turned to the elections which are due within the next few months.

Mr Adolfo Canepa is expected to be sworn in this weekend as the next Chief Minister, but he is conscious of the joke that he might, in the words of a popular Spanish television show, just be "Queen for a night."

Mr Canepa has said that he will not name the date for the election until the new year, but he has little time left to step into Sir Joshua's well-worn shoes, and he recognises that he faces a hard battle for power against the Opposition leader, Mr Joe Bossano.

Both were first elected to the House of Assembly in 1972. Their tempers and outspokenness match, as does their sense of Gibraltar's nationalism. But the comparison ends with their reputations as hard workers.

Where Mr Canepa has been involved intensely in the day-to-day affairs of government for 20 years, Mr Bossano, a middle-aged man, is constantly involved in negotiations with employers. Mr Canepa's reputation has been built on security. Mr Bossano's, on cunning.

Mr Canepa is uncommonly reserved for a politician. Unlike Sir Joshua and Mr Bossano, he has created a firm divide between his public and his private life, but he is also Gibraltar's only full-time politician.

Mr Canepa, who won more votes than his opponent at the last election, recognises that Mr Bossano's team has an advantage from having occupied the post for so long.

Madrid — Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, has invited Mrs Thatcher to make an official visit to Spain, sources here confirmed yesterday (Wigg writes). Mrs Thatcher is expected to come in the spring. She will precede the Queen, who is already scheduled to visit Spain in the autumn.

Both were first elected to the House of Assembly in 1972. Their tempers and outspokenness match, as does their sense of Gibraltar's nationalism. But the comparison ends with their reputations as hard workers.

Moderation is a key word for Mr Canepa. He argues it gives him an advantage over the more radical Mr Bossano. Mr Canepa believes in co-operation with Spain's supporters. He is associated with the ultimate constitutional solution for Gibraltar. On the airport issue, he

believes that a hasty decision should be avoided. He said yesterday that the "mood of most people remains against joint use, and he wants to study the implications of any decision in detail."

Where Mr Canepa, free from the shadow of Sir Joshua, will be most able to show his strength is on domestic issues. Sir Joshua's career has been based on the Anglo-Spanish dilemma. Mr Canepa has been closely associated with this, but he has also put a great deal of effort into his Ministry, Economic Planning.

Even if he can put together a solid team, he faces serious problems. The commercialized naval dockyard, which was the main issue at the last election, now faces redundancies and bankruptcy. Next week Mr Canepa will want to vote £2 million of government money towards keeping the yard going.

This will also be the first election to reflect public opinion on the 1985 Brussels agreement on opening the frontier, to which Mr Bossano is opposed.

Also, medical and educational facilities need a large overhaul, and housing needs investment. These areas have deteriorated under the present government, and Mr Canepa will have to show that he can deliver improvements.

French holiday season starts on crumpled note

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

As the Christmas decorations go up on shops and stores all over France, the season's traditional spending spree is under threat.

A strike at the state-owned Bank of France is gradually strangling the supply of crisp new notes to cash cheques throughout the country.

Paris (AP) — Riot police stormed the Bank of France early yesterday to rescue two bank officials blocked inside by striking bank employees, and five people were injured. Protesters inside said that police charged the striking employees, hitting them with batons.

The strike is the latest in a series of actions by the 100,000 bank employees, who are demanding a 10 per cent pay rise and a 35-hour week. The strike is the latest in a series of actions by the 100,000 bank employees, who are demanding a 10 per cent pay rise and a 35-hour week.

the capital are now unable to handle substantial withdrawals.

With the strike now in its second week, not a single new note is rolling off the presses at any of the Central Bank's three printing centres.

True, the authorities are making soothing noises about existing stocks: enough to last the country for two years, they maintain, though acknowledge that the cash reserves (which cannot legally be used to finance the strike) will probably dry up altogether long before that.

In the meantime, it seems inevitable that many people in France will be giving the cheque book

a rare battering over Christmas. Which brings us to the second problem caused by the strike.

It would appear that the Bank of France's usual mechanism for surveillance of cash cheques is already more or less inoperative. There now seems little chance of the dispute ending before Christmas.

There is, of course, a breed of Frenchman who has never shied from the new high-tech of banks. Yet alone paper money. Out in the countryside, and in the towns, the cheque continues to be measured by the balance and the gold ingots hoarded inside a mattress.

Proof that Epson's new laser printer can make anything look good.

Not everyone can be a great writer like what Shakespeare was. But with the new Epson GQ-3500 laser printer, anyone can make their work look outstanding — however rotten it's wrote.

The GQ-3500 produces professional-quality artwork with fully-formed headlines, typeset copy and superb graphics that will put any typed-and-photocopied effort to shame.

Moreover, it can do this far faster and cheaper than any design studio or printing shop.

One man who could certainly have done with it was the 19th-century Scottish poet William McGonagall.

For reasons that will become obvious, he could not get anyone to publish his 'Poetic Gems' and so had to pay a local printer to do the job.

If he'd had a GQ-3500 on his desktop, however, he could have published them himself and made them look as impressive as this:



BEAUTIFUL THE TAY BRIDGE DISASTER

Alas! I am very sorry to say
That ninety lives have been taken away
On the last Sabbath day of 1879.
Which will be remembered for a very long time...

THE BATTLE OF EL-TIB

Ye sons of Great Britain, I think no shame
To write in praise of brave General Graham!
Whose name will be handed down to posterity without any stigma.
Because, at the battle of El-Tib, he defeated Osman Digna...

THE MIRACULOUS ESCAPE OF ROBERT ALLAN, THE FIREMAN

WAS in the year of 1888, and on October the fourteenth day.
That a fire broke out in a warehouse, and for hours blazed away:
And the warehouse, now destroyed, was occupied by the Messrs
R. Wylie, Hill & Co.,
Situated in Buchanan Street, in the City of Glasgow...

JENNY CARRISTER, THE HEROINE OF LUCKNOW-MINE

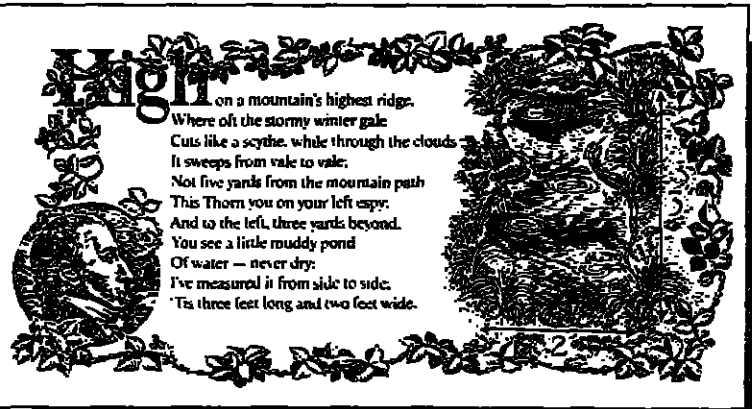
A HEROIC story I will unfold,
Concerning Jenny Carrister, a heroine bold,
Who lived in Australia, at a gold mine called Lucknow,
And Jenny was beloved by the the miners, somehow...

Since McGonagall was such a prolific poet, and because his compositions tended to be great in length (if not in quality), he would doubtless have appreciated the speed of the GQ-3500. (It prints six A4 pages per minute.)

And being a canny Scot, he would also have approved of its modest price — a mere £1,795 (RRP, excluding VAT) but including a Hewlett Packard emulation card which would cost around £125 to buy separately).

Yet William McGonagall was not the only poet whose work would have benefited from laser printing.

In the following bathetic extract from 'The Thorn', William Wordsworth shows just why people left him to wander lonely as a cloud.



At least with the GQ-3500, Wordsworth could have illustrated his concern for the puddle's exact dimensions with an accurate diagram of it.

Several present-day novelists spring to mind whose work would be greatly improved by laser printing.

But rather than risk a heavy libel suit, we have again chosen a writer from the 19th century.

Here are the opening lines of two novels by Edward George Earle Bulwer-Lytton — and as you will see, they need far more than the usual printer graphics, such as bar graphs and pie charts, to make them look good:



"It was a dark and stormy night; the rain fell in torrents — except at occasional intervals, when it was checked by a violent gust of wind which swept up the streets (for it is in London that our scene lies), rattling along the housetops, and fiercely agitating the scanty flame of the lamps that struggled against the darkness."

From 'Paul Clifford' (1830).

"Ho, Diomed, well met! Do you sup with Glaucus tonight?" said a young man of small stature, who wore his tunic in those loose and effeminate folds which proved him to be a gentleman and a coxcomb."

From 'The Last Days of Pompeii' (1834).

Surprisingly, Bulwer-Lytton was second in popularity only to Charles Dickens in his day.

Today, he is chiefly remembered as the inspiration for the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest, held every year in the United States.

The aim is to write the worst possible opening sentence for an imaginary novel — and the following entries were awfully successful:



The camel died quite suddenly on the second day, and Selena fretted sulky and, butting her already impeccable nails — not for the first time since the journey began — pondered snidely if this would dissolve into a vignette of minor inconveniences like all the other holidays spent with Basil.

He was a Portuguese who had never fished and she was a Chinese who couldn't cook rice; he had enough hair on his chest to make a coat for a very small Hungarian and the way she kissed it made him wonder why.

Pignothr had hidden his mskethld in the mothcenth, and now he had taken the beautiful and magical Mekthkn and her infant Tmmylp there, too, and they all trembled as they heard the fearful chlems of the invading Hmewrs just above.

You will notice that each entry has been produced in a different typeface. Changing between the seven resident fonts on the GQ-3500 is even simpler than McGonagall, thanks to the LED 'Selectype' panel on the front — and other fonts can easily be engaged by inserting special 'credit cards' into slots on the side of the machine.

In a previous Epson advertisement, we suggested that the near-silent SQ-2500 ink-jet printer was the only machine that the near-silent President Calvin Coolidge would have allowed in his office.

However, the GQ-3500 is so quiet, he would surely have approved of this as well.

For making bad writing look good, though, it would have been of more use to Coolidge's immediate predecessor in the White House:

HARDING



Warren Gamaliel Harding,
President of the
United States 1921-1923.

"I would like the government to do all it can to mitigate, then, in understanding, in mutuality of interest, in concern for the common good, our tasks will be solved."

"I have had the good intention to write you a letter ever since you left, but the pressure of things has prevented, speeches to prepare and deliver, and seeing people, make a very exacting penalty of trying to be in politics."

"I carry no bitterness in my heart which dates from 1912."

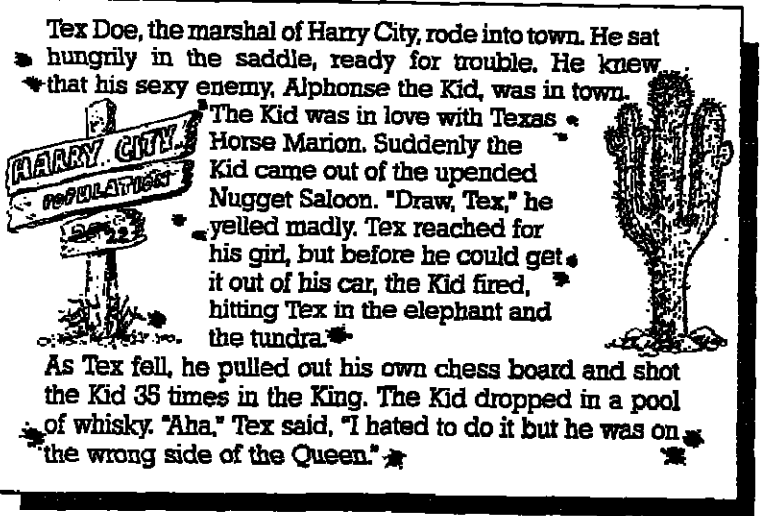
"America's present need is not heroics but healing; not nostrums but normalcy."

"Progress is not proclamation nor palaver. It is not pretence nor play on prejudice. It is not the perturbation of a people passion-wrought, nor a promise proposed."

The GQ-3500 is certainly very flexible. It has an IBM character set fitted as standard, and both parallel and serial interface options are available to allow it to work with virtually any computer.

Gilbert Bohuslav should have used one with his DEC PDP11/70 in Houston, Texas.

He had managed to teach it how to play chess — but when he tried to get it to write a Western story, this was the result:



As Tex fell, he pulled out his own chess board and shot the Kid 35 times in the King. The Kid dropped in a pool of whisky. "Aha," Tex said, "I hated to do it but he was on the wrong side of the Queen."

Hardly a memorable composition, you will agree — but with the help of all the graphics stored in its own powerful 640K memory (expandable to 1.5Mb), the GQ-3500 does make it appear accomplished.

Like all Epson printers, the GQ-3500 has a full international character set built in, which would have made it perfect for Pedro Carolino.

He was a Portuguese who spoke no English — but he did not allow this to stop him from writing a phrasebook with the help of his Portuguese-French and French-English dictionaries.

Portuguese	English
<p>Preface</p> <p>We expect then, who the little book (for the care what we wrote him, and for her typographical correction) that may be worth the acceptance of the studious persons, and especially of the Youth, at which we dedicate him particularly.</p>	
<p>Familiar Phrases</p> <p>A que horas se janta? Tocai-vos do toque-se. Nunca devamos zombar dos infelizes. Vós cansais do Vm. coisa muito bém. Estou encastado do enfeiteiro.</p> <p>At what o'clock dine him? Dress your hairs. It must never to laugh of the unhappies. You sing not very dull well. I am caught cold.</p>	
<p>Idioms and Proverbs</p> <p>Por dinheiro balla o perro. Vale peido a ouro. A cavallo dado não se le oita para o dono. Pedra moedica nunca mofa a cubica. Não tem eira, nem mano de figueira.</p> <p>Nothing some money, nothing of Swiss. He is valuable his weight's gold. A horse beared don't look him the tooth. The stone as roll not heap up not foam. He is bigger as a church rat.</p>	
<p>Familiar Dialogue</p> <p>Venho ver os seus móveis; quero mobilar um aposento. Aqui achará Vm. todos os de que precisa.</p> <p>Essa triste de salão, com damasco cramezim, é completo? Sim, senhor.</p> <p>Não me parece novo. Tá não diga: sabe das mãos do fabricante. Tem Vm. espelhos? De que tamanho os quer? De quatro pés, seis polegadas de largo, e sete d'altra, pouco mais ou menos.</p> <p>I come to see your furniture, I have a apartment to furnish. You will find to my store house whole that you want. Is it complete this parlour furniture in damask crimson? Yes, sir. It seems no me new. Pardon me, it comes workman's hands. Have you some glasses? Which highness want you is? I want almost four feet six thumbs wide's, over seven of long.</p>	

On the subject of size, the GQ-3500 has a height of only 8.46 thumbs, has one foot 3.9 thumbs wide's and one foot 4.4 of long. This makes it the most compact laser printer you can buy.

The list of possible applications is virtually endless. You can use the GQ-3500 to print anything from simple memos and letters to full-blown official documents. It can even make government regulations appear interesting:

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Regulation 3 of the Local Government (Allowances) Regulations 1974 ('the 1974 regulations') (S.I. 1974/147) made provision prescribing the amounts of attendance and financial loss allowances payable to members of local authorities. Regulation 3 of the Local Government (Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1981 ('the 1981 regulations') (S.I. 1981/100) amended the 1974 regulations. Regulation 3 of the Local Government (Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1982 ('the 1982 regulations') (S.I. 1982/125) further amended regulation 3 of the 1974 regulations, with effect from 1st March 1982, by increasing the maximum rates of attendance and financial loss allowances. Regulation 7 of the 1982 regulations would have revoked both regulations 3 and 5 of the 1981 regulations, regulation 5 being a regulation revoking earlier spent regulations) with effect from 1st April 1982. These regulations preserve regulations 3 and 5 of the 1981 regulations by revoking regulation 7 of the 1982 regulations.

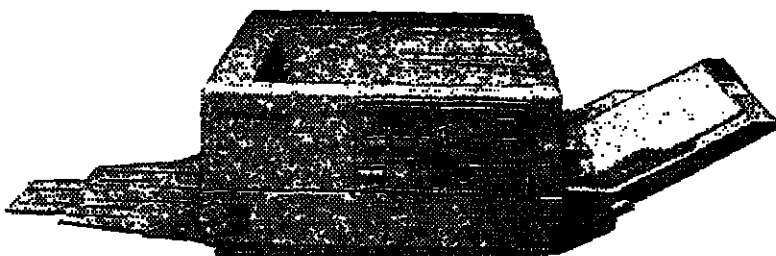
Unfortunately, it cannot save them from being as comprehensible as the average computer manual.

(The GQ-3500, on the other hand, is extremely easy to operate and maintain — though as you would expect of an Epson, it is exceptionally reliable.)

You have now seen the proof that laser printing can make even the worst writing appear polished — so just imagine what it could do for yours.

Find out more about the GQ-3500 by writing to: Epson (U.K.) Limited, Freeport, Birmingham B37 5BR. (Alternatively, call up Prestel *280# or ring 0800 289622 free of charge.)

You could soon be looking gooder in print than you ever think possible.



EPSON

Bulwer-Lytton Contest entries reproduced from 'It was a Dark and Stormy Night' ed. Scott Rice (1984); 'Explanatory Note' from 'Gobbledygook' by the Plain English Campaign (1984).

HEALTH

When Pinker saw red

The royal gynaecologist talks to Brian James about his condemnation of the Government's handling of the NHS

Observers far beyond the high places in the fields of medicine were curious to spot George Pinker, CVO, FRCS, FRCOG, perched this week like an albatross on a wing of the National Health Service harshly foretelling its doom: he is so much more often seen as a stork.

Pinker is President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and has been the honorary royal gynaecologist since 1973; he has delivered nine of the princes and princesses who crowd the knee at Sandringham gatherings. He seems destined for such a role, having been born 63 years ago to a mother who was herself named Queen Elizabeth. His is a position of the utmost delicacy.

In August 1981, for example, scarcely a month after the royal wedding at St Paul's, the entire front page of a French national daily was covered by photos of the Princess of Wales and the one-word headline "Encence" — pregnant. The sole excuse for the page was one sighting of Pinker at Balmoral while the newly-weds were also guests of the Queen.

Knowing, therefore, the potential reaction to his slightest public gesture — such as offering a well-born lady his seat — Pinker should have seen precisely what he was doing when he added his signature to those of two other presidents of Britain's most renowned medical colleges, at the foot of a statement declaring that financial cuts had brought NHS hospital services to "breaking point" and calling for an overall review and alternative funding.

Yet there are those in his profession prepared to swear that Pinker had been dragged into signing that statement. "Lashing at the Establishment? That's not our George," one consultant said. "He was showing solidarity with the sawbones and the pill-pushers" — meaning the "presidents" — respectively, of the Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians. This impression was heightened by the fact that the statement had been typewritten,



George Pinker and the problem: out-patients at St Bartholomew's, London

signed by the other two medical luminaries with the hand-written addition "Mr Pinker wishes to be associated..."

"Dragoned?" said Pinker yesterday, a man who normally speaks to Pressmen only to proffer advice in the most gentle and general terms to mothers-to-be. "Couldn't be more wrong. It was time to give someone high up a bloody good kick. We three presidents had discussed weeks ago the situation, and what we should say about it. The only reason my signature was not on the letter was that I was away all day discussing with regional health authorities this same crisis."

Pinker added that if he had had any doubts, they were removed on Friday by three letters in one post from consultants in charge of obstetric units across Britain, all saying "their units had been decimated, and what were we, their college, going to do about it. Silence was not possible any more. I didn't want to go to war, but the high-ups clearly just do not realize what is happening."

A man who walks often in the palaces of private medicine, where money need never be mentioned, he insists that the problems of the NHS are not simply fiscal. "We are not asking for an open-ended cheque in the NHS. We know that the

Government cannot do everything that ideally the profession would like to see done. The advances in medicine are amazing. And also very costly. So very hard choices will always have to be made. But they have to be made with thought and planning."

"Some parts of the NHS, like general practice and community medicine, are pretty well catered for. Acute surgery, no. But in my own hospital, St Mary's, I often have half my 40 lying-in beds empty. I have a new block, virtually

finished, standing idle because we can't find trained nurses, and couldn't afford them if we could. Is this not tragic waste?"

Talking in an office above Regent's Park, in a building littered with the portraits of Very Important Patients, it was easy to find strange ideas of the Queen's obstetrician, a man clearly able to rub along very nicely on the sort of private practice that could bring easily £150,000 a year, risking all sorts of displeasure to fight bare-toothed for the NHS; his is hardly a vested interest.

Pinker is offended by the thought. He was a junior hospital doctor the year before the NHS was launched. "I know what conditions were like then. And what has been accomplished since. The NHS was a very fine service indeed. Many dedicated people made it so. I have always been totally committed to it. Until I was 60, I did the maximum permitted nine sessions a week as a part-timer. I still do four. But it is a service which I see absolutely tearing downhill."

"So where does the fault lie? In the management? In we, the doctors? Is it in the expectations? What we are saying is that we need to take a very long look, determine the faults and correct them. Determine in a rational way the priorities and,

yes, the necessary cuts. No, I do not find it easy to go public like this. I have no ambition to knock the Government. I would be saying the same whichever party was in power."

None the less, the Government which is in power will see this as pretty strong stuff, making ripples, waves? "I do not wish to be seen as provocative. No, that's not true. I do wish to be provocative, provoking the sort of discussion the NHS must have. But not hyper-critical. Ours is a constructive attitude. I would put my name, and the services of this college, just as readily to a commission of inquiry to find the remedies."

Although Professor Richard Beard, head of St Mary's gynaecology department, said "Surprised? I would have been surprised if Mr Pinker had not put his name to that document", other doctors seemed to think that an outspoken Mr Pinker was a bit like the Master of the Royal Music going busking with a banjo.

Little is known about Pinker, the private man: he was born in Calcutta 63 years ago — his birthday last Sunday was marked by the issue of that letter — he was educated at Reading and trained, in turn, at many of the best hospitals in London. The only surprise ever expressed about his career by his peers is that he has not yet been made a lord. His hobbies are those of the solitary man: sailing, fell-walking, rural pursuits, listening to Wagner.

We have been indebted to his wife for the few glimpses of the man. That, for example, he is never allowed near the Christmas turkey. "Can't carve!" That, at a critical moment in the birth of one of the royal heirs, Pinker was found calmly pruning roses.

His colleagues sketch in the details of the doctor. "He is the kindest man in medicine," "A doctor's doctor: you send him your groutiest old lady, and he treats her like a queen." "No great academic. But his text-book is the classic work for students."

And a Sister who had stood often at his side: "It is almost as though he has never got over the miracle of birth. He will sit with a new mother-to-be, find the heartbeat for the first time, and seem as delighted as she. Busy as he is, he is not beyond sitting with someone going through the trauma of a hard birth or a hysterectomy... and holding their hand."

George Pinker has reached out this week, not to hold hands with the suffering, but to take the throat of the powerful. His profession, anyway, is delighted.

up counselling is vital and is honest enough to admit that "Some patients have had miscarriages after the test, but most appreciate that there's a high risk of miscarriage at 10 weeks anyway. No, I don't have any ethical doubts about any of this."

At St Bartholomew's medical college, Professor Nicholas Wald is monitoring 2,000 British and European women to see whether folic acid tablets (taken before pregnancy and in the first 12 weeks) can reduce the risk of spina bifida.

Wald admits that he worries in case anything goes wrong for either mother or child. But, he insists, there is no alternative and he certainly doesn't have any moral doubts: "The ethical approach is to admit that one is ignorant. The unethical stance would be to pretend that you don't need a trial in the first place."

Jane Bidder

©Times Newspapers Ltd 1987

MEDICAL BRIEFING

From parent to child

Doctors, midwives and mothers are apt to dismiss discharge from a baby's eye as being unimportant; but it can be the first sign of a sexually transmitted disease in the parents, and the bacteria causing the conjunctivitis may be transmitted to the baby during delivery. In a recent study, published in the *BMJ*, of 50 babies under the age of three weeks with discharging eyes who were referred to the Whitechapel Clinic at the London Hospital, 55 were found to have ophthalmia neonatorum (conjunctivitis of the newborn) due to a sexually transmitted disease. A simple examination of the stained pus under a microscope was all that was usually necessary to make a diagnosis. This test was later supplemented with laboratory cultures and a micro-immunofluorescence test which showed that eight of the babies had gonorrhoea and 47 a chlamydial infection (the organism which causes NSU). Dr Joseph Winocles, the senior registrar in venereology, told *The Times* that the survey suggested that cases where an early diagnosis was essential were being missed and in consequence babies were at risk of developing generalized infections, including chlamydial pneumonia, and their parents of being left untreated.

Safer seats

Earlier this year some MPs took time off from the House to visit St Thomas's Hospital on the other side of the Thames, to have blood taken by the hospital's coronary prevention unit who were doing a study on serum cholesterol.

In the 1960s, research showed that contrary to expectation, MPs have a better than average life expectancy, although there were two exceptions to the general rule: those who were in their first parliament, and those who were representing a marginal seat. Once a Member acquires a safe constituency, and learns his new role, his general health improves.

The latest research work will probably show that there are a few Members who, however carefully they watch their fat intake, diet and refuse too much alcohol, will still have raised serum fats and will need drug therapy to bring the level down.

At the moment, the treatment of choice is with bile acid resins, such as colestyramine or colestipol. There are also the fibrate drugs; a recent study in Helsinki has shown that Gemfibrozil is less likely to give rise to side-effects than other members of this group. Treatment is also carried out with Lurselle (probucol) which, although it is not suitable for all patients, does have the advantage of clearing the disfiguring yellow, fatty deposits (xanthelasma) which form in the skin around some patients' eyes.

The outlook for the future treatment of patients with high cholesterol looks bright. Professor Barry Lewis of St Thomas's says that several pharmaceutical firms are working on a new group of anti-cholesterol drugs which partially inhibit cholesterol synthesis; if the drugs pass their toxicity trials they will revolutionize treatment.

Party puff

Many women smoke the occasional cigarette at parties not because they are addicted to nicotine, but more socially relaxed with something in their hands. It seemed a comparatively innocuous way of buying composure, until the results of a six-year study on the effects of smoking on coronary heart disease in women was published recently in the *New*

England Journal of Medicine. A team from Harvard Medical School studied the smoking habits of 120,000 nurses and related it to the incidence of coronary heart disease. Smoking 45 cigarettes a day increased the chance of one of the women dying from a coronary by a factor of 11, and even the nurse who smoked one a day more than doubled her risk.

Insect information

Advice to travellers is not always up-to-date, as even the best research opinions can soon become outdated by the constant changes and conditions and disease patterns in the Third World. MASTA, the medical advisory service run in conjunction with the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, has now started a health information club for regular travellers overseas. For a £28 subscription the agency stores on its computer all the relevant information about the members' immunizations and allergies. Two membership cards are issued. One for the subscriber, the other for the subscriber's secretary. When patients are about to travel, they can telephone MASTA with the details and will receive by return of post a note on the immunizations needed and the appropriate anti-malarials which will be effective in the countries to be visited.

The need to take medical advice before using anti-malarials has been highlighted recently by the diagnosis of several cases of agranulocytosis following the use of the anti-malarial drug Camogin which, until 18 months ago, was available over the counter. The drug, first introduced in the 1950s, enjoyed a return to fashion in 1985-86 when it was found to be effective against emerging strains of resistant malaria; but since July 1986, it has, at the request of the manufacturers, been available only on prescription and only for use in the treatment, rather than the prophylaxis, of malaria. In agranulocytosis, the bone marrow is affected by the drug so that it produces too few white blood cells and the patient's resistance to infection is severely reduced.

Dr Thomas Stuttard

Schweppes Malvern English Spring Water was mentioned in "Drinking in bottled waters" (Health Page November 12). Schweppes have asked us to point out that it carries an analysis of the contents on the reverse side of the label.

The risks and ethics of using human guinea pigs

Should pregnant women — and their babies — be recruited for trials?

Betty Balbastrow was 11 weeks pregnant when she volunteered to participate in a pregnancy test at Guy's Hospital in London. The aim of the trial was to see whether chorionic villus sampling — a test to detect fetal abnormalities — was less likely to cause a miscarriage than the traditional amniocentesis.

Mrs Balbastrow says she wasn't worried about being a guinea-pig for a test which hadn't been properly evaluated — "partly because the consultant spent over half an hour discussing it with me" — and seven months later she gave birth to a healthy baby boy. "Looking back, I would have felt guilty if something had gone wrong, but I think I'd still make the same decision again."

Mrs Balbastrow is one of 600,000 or so mothers-to-be who have volunteered to be guinea-pigs for trials including CVS, low-dose aspirin (which might — or might not — help prevent pre-eclampsia

toxemia) and folic acid (thought to reduce the chances of spina bifida).

The concept of "experimenting" with such a vulnerable group raises many questions: Are the mothers told about all the implications? What happens if they change their minds half-way through the trial? And how can they cope if their pregnancy goes wrong, possibly because of the new treatment?

According to Dr Chris Redman, obstetrician and gynaecologist at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford and controller of the low-dose aspirin study which will start in January, these questions weren't even voiced 10 years

ago. "It was actually considered unethical to withhold exciting developments," Redman claims. All trials should be approved by the local health authority's ethics committee before they commence, but today CVS is available in certain hospitals outside a trial environment even though we don't know for certain how safe or effective it is. The same applies for low-dose aspirin.

At the Oxford Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, a DHSS-funded research centre which is currently co-ordinating four

major trials on nearly 500,000 women, the unit's spokeswoman, Diana Elborne says: "We want all new treatments properly evaluated before being launched on a national basis. Legally, new drugs have to be tested first but there's no such law covering technology like CVS."

Jean Robinson, a lay member of the General Medical Council currently writing a study on the subject, says: "You can only ethically recruit women if you tell them about the trial at the antenatal clinic, give them written and

verbal information; and allow them time to discuss the matter with whoever they want."

Robinson is particularly unhappy about women being recruited on the labour ward: "A woman giving birth is often afraid to offend the people looking after her, so she might agree without really wishing to."

Dr Richard Sheridan, who runs the CVS trial at Guy's Hospital, says that about one in five patients decline to join his trial while the other four are "very keen, often because they're in a high-risk group and would rather have CVS than amniocentesis". Sheridan believes that back-



YOU WON'T FIND A FINER TEA

IN OUT

ELLE TELLS ON '88.

NOW £1.20.

FASHION

Oh la Lacroix, Doc Marten au revoir.

FOOD

Thai go-go, Tapas no-no.

CINEMA

Maybe Faye, Stallone done away.

MUSIC

Mel and Kim in, Madonna no wanna.

STYLE

Domestic sloth, guilt be off.

ELLE

After the confrontation that halted the Test match in Faisalabad, is another England captain about to retire in disgrace?

The reign that stopped play

As the grim saga unfolded over the air waves from Pakistan, Michael William Gattling has been eaten for breakfast in every sporting household in the land. His character, his credentials for captaincy, doubtless even his vocabulary, were all dissected while the extent of the cricketing crisis he had helped create became horribly plain.

Reactions will have been extreme. There are those, certainly, who will have taken the side of this archetypal bulldog figure, reasoning that no amount of dignity could withstand the provocation of intrusively inefficient umpiring. There were probably at least as many advocating the guillotine on the basis that England captains should never descend to the level of protagonist in a bar room brawl.

It would be ironical, not to say unfair, if Gattling were to be remembered as the man responsible for giving a once serene game the final nudge over the precipice into anarchy. He has many virtues, notably honesty and straightforwardness; the patience to deal with those he considers either fools or scoundrels, however, is not among them. He may well regard the Pakistani umpire Shakoor Rana as both a fool and a scoundrel, judging by the passion of his verbal assault on him, but the fact that he allowed his emotions to explode so vividly, so publicly, is a mystery which only Gattling himself, at a suitably calm distance from the scene, may be able to explain.

Until one has seen cricket in the sub-continent, it is not possible to appreciate the size of the mental trap which has visibly trapped the England team these past few weeks. It has happened to players many times before, both in India and Pakistan, but until now it has usually been arrested, or at least suppressed, by strong and diplomatic leadership.

THE TIMES PROFILE

MIKE GATTING

The fact that neither Gattling nor the management team of Peter Lush and Mickey Stewart has succeeded in this regard will inevitably be held against them when the game's domestic ruling body, the Test and County Cricket Board, begin an inquiry into the events of this tour next month. It is not impossible that Gattling could lose his job; it is undeniable that the job is, anyway, unenviable when it comes to a tour of Pakistan.

There is an inevitable tendency to wonder whether previous England captains would have cracked under the same pressures. It is a fascinating hypothesis. The first four England captains in Pakistan were all of a certain type. Ted Dexter, Colin Cowdrey, Tony Lewis and Mike Brearley followed the traditions of the time — university men, eloquent diplomats all. Things have changed. Recent England captains have come from the ranks; Gattling, in particular, has no pretensions otherwise. If he is none the worse for that, he also happens to be in charge when the game is under unprecedented public scrutiny. If Dexter had

shouted at an umpire in Pakistan, the matter would have rested on the touring journalists' inclination to report it. Gattling's outburst was quickly beamed back on television in its full audio-visual horror.

There might have been more excuse for Gattling's behaviour if he could have pleaded the element of surprise. He is, however, more than familiar with the pitfalls and perils of touring in this singular land. He has now played on three full England tours to Pakistan and, although the current crisis inevitably seems the worst, little has altered in respect of pitches or umpiring standards since his first visit.

It is not even the case that the umpire who so offended Gattling is a stranger. On the contrary, the two of them go back a long way. Next month it will be 10 years since Gattling made his Test debut in Karachi, at the age of 20. He was given out leg before wicket in each innings, once each to the two spinners playing in the current Test, Abdul Qadir and Iqbal Qasim. Rana was one of the umpires on duty.

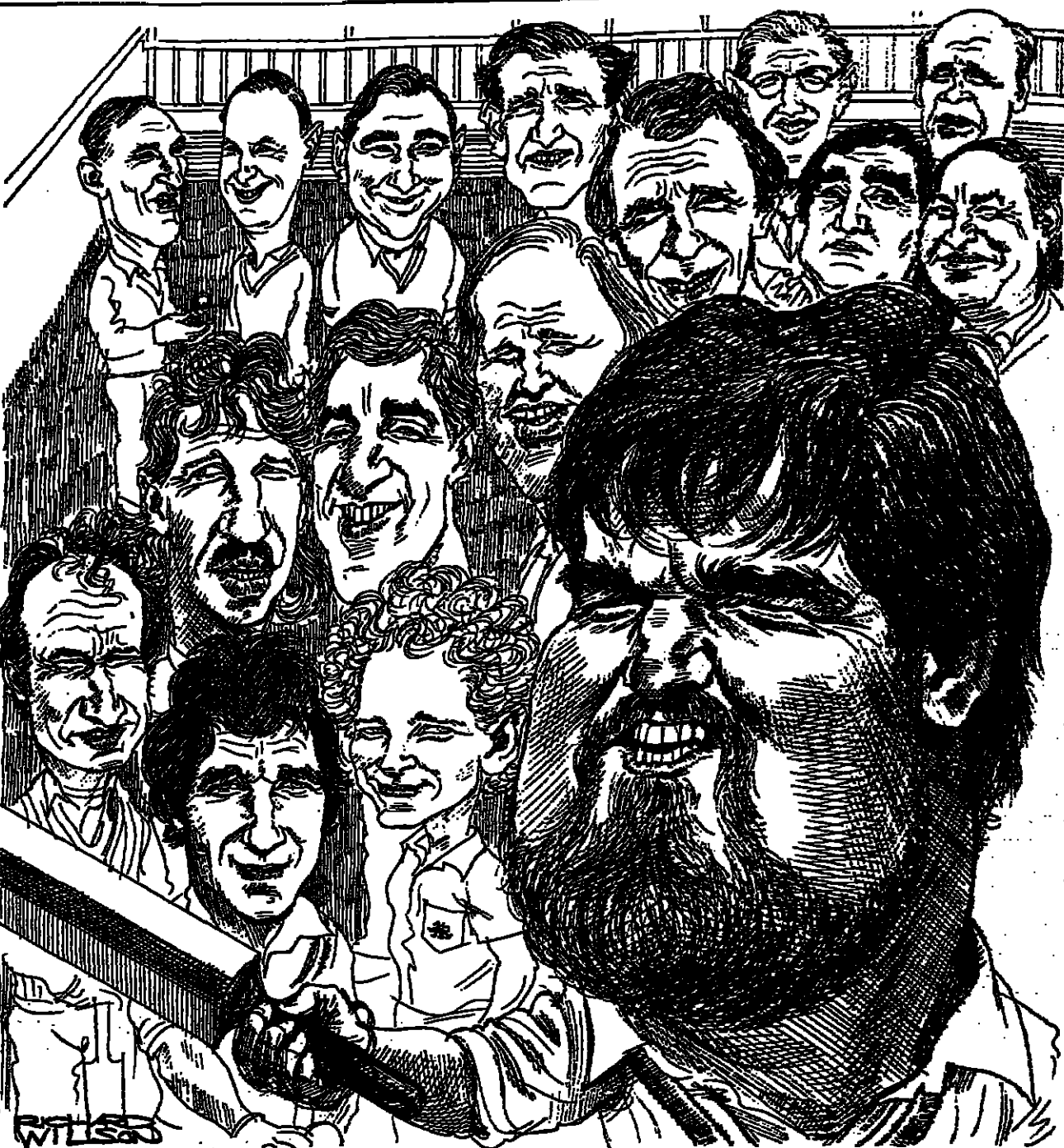
They met again four years ago, when Rana umpired the first Test of a three-match series, again in Karachi. Gattling was once more controversially lbw, playing no stroke. England lost the

match and their then captain, Bob Willis, had strong words with one of his players, Nick Cook, for openly disputing the decision. Willis recalled: "I took him aside and told him that, no matter what the provocation, that sort of behaviour was completely unacceptable."

It was around this time that Gattling began to despair of his international career. Six years after his first England appearance he had still failed to establish his place in the side; he had not scored a single Test century and he was frequently criticized for a technical shortcoming which invited lbw decisions. Worst of all, he was acutely aware that Willis was not his greatest supporter. Put bluntly, Willis regarded him as being below the standard expected of a Test batsman.

Gattling, more vulnerable and sensitive than most would imagine, suffered something between a chip on the shoulder and a crisis of confidence, and he might have been forever lost to the highest levels but for a change in the captaincy, which introduced his close friend David Gower to the job. Gower had great faith in Gattling, persuaded the selectors to give him another chance and instilled in him the confidence to play for England with the same powerful freedom he exhibited when batting for Middlesex. The difference was remarkable; he became a man, in cricketing terms, on the following winter's tour of India, and in the years which have followed he has been England's most consistent batsman.

That he became captain, however, was at first both a surprise and an embarrassment to him. Having spent so long on the fringes of the team, he was content to be Gower's faithful deputy, making his runs and helping out where needed. Then Gower was sacked. "I had never really thought about leading



Players in the Test of nerves: Gattling (front) and his predecessors in the England captaincy over the past three decades (from the top left to right), Les Hutton, Peter May, Colin Cowdrey, Ted Dexter, Mike Denness, M.J.K. Smith, Tony Lewis, Brian Close, Ray Illingworth, Tony Greig, Mike Brearley, Ian Botham, Keith Fletcher, Bob Willis and David Gower

England," Gattling said later, "and the switch was the start of a low period for me."

It was not that he doubted his ability to cope with the job or even that he suffered from a fear of failure. Much more daunting, to this man of simple tastes, plain language and solid middle-class upbringing, was the realization that captaining England involved a great deal outside the sphere of pitch and dressing room.

Unlike Gower, Gattling is not a natural orator; or even a natural diplomat. His tolerance was often low when it

came to handling media questions he regarded as insane or uninformed; sometimes, he would give the impression he would rather be elsewhere. So, when he committed the gift of oversleeping in Melbourne last winter and missing the start of a match, he was crucified in print in some quarters. It hurt, but he learnt. His relations with the media improved as his confidence grew, and although he would still not pretend to enjoy these peripheral demands of captaincy, he has come to handle them.

Sport is his consuming pas-

sion. His parents were stewards of a north London sports club and he might have played professional football, as his brother Steve does, but chose cricket instead. Essentially sociable, he is at his happiest in the company of sportsmen. Outsiders, strangers, bring out the suspicious side of his nature, and he can retreat into a monosyllabic shell.

In the past he has expressed concern over dissent, yet on this tour, before the present imbroglio, he refused to condemn one of his own players for an outrageous protest.

Gattling is loyal to his

players and he commands affection in return. They will close ranks around him in days to come, you may be sure. It is as easy, on the spot, to assume the outraged innocence of the beleaguered as it is, 2,000 miles away, to condemn out of hand. But Gattling, being the character he is, will be aware before long of the enormity of his actions and while he may be reluctant to apologize in writing, he will be feeling his share of regret amid the confusion of one of cricket's saddest weeks.

Alan Lee

JUST FOR THE RECORD

Born: Michael William Gattling, June 6, 1957, Kingsbury, Middlesex.
Educated: Wykeham Primary; John Kelly Boys' High.
Married: Elaine, September 1980. Two sons.
Middlesex debut: 1975; county cap 1977. Captain of Middlesex since 1983.
Test debut: v. Pakistan, Karachi, January 18, 1978. England captain since 1986.
Test matches: 50 (includes present match).
One-day internationals: 74.
First class centuries: 47.

Previous tours: New Zealand and Pakistan, 1977-78 and 1983-84. West Indies 1981 and 1986. India, 1981-82. West Indies with Young England, 1979-80. Club cricket, Sydney, 1983-84.
Most admired cricketer: (Sir) Garfield Sobers.
Other sports followed: football (Tottenham), snooker.
Others played: football, table tennis, tennis, swimming, golf.
Relaxations: reading Tolkien, crosswords, films.

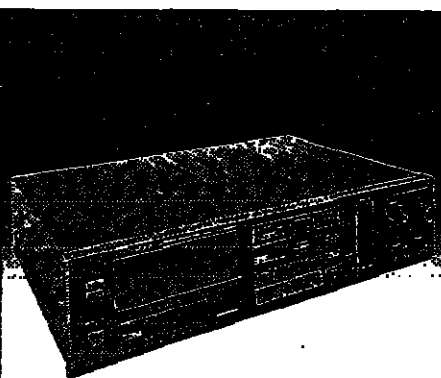
EXPERIENCE

You'll find a full range of Kenwood Hi-Fi at Laskys. From separate systems, each and every Kenwood model is ready to give you the performance of a life-time. Whilst they represent world famous quality in music reproduction, Kenwood Hi-Fi has been specifically designed to provide easy usage with quality styling.

Kenwood Hi-Fi and Laskys prices. An outstanding combination. Discover it today.

UP TO £1500 NO DEPOSIT INSTANT CREDIT*

Now you can get up to £1500 credit instantly — and pay no deposit — simply by opening a Lasky card budget account. Once agreed, you can spread the cost — and take it home the same day. Ask for details.

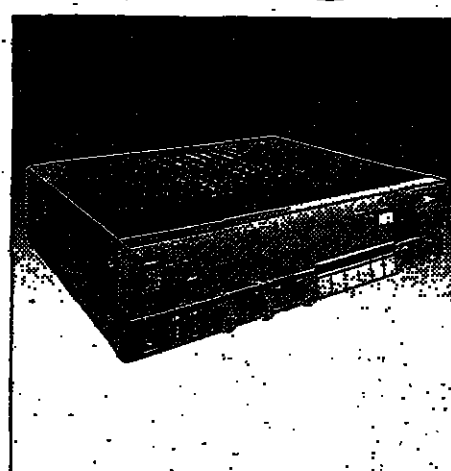


KENWOOD CASSETTE DECK
An excellent cassette deck with twin motors and silent drive, computer controlled mechanism and Dolby B, C and HX noise reduction.
MODEL KXS50HX

SAVE £40

£149.99

NO DEPOSIT INSTANT CREDIT ONLY £7 PER MONTH*



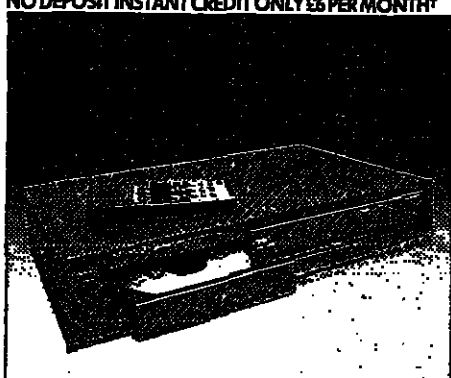
KENWOOD AMPLIFIER

This powerful amplifier delivers 45 watts per channel and features CD direct circuitry, MM/MC cartridge function and A, B, A+B speaker switching.
MODEL KAS50

45 WATTS PER CHANNEL

£129.99

NO DEPOSIT INSTANT CREDIT ONLY £6 PER MONTH*



KENWOOD CD PLAYER

The latest remote control CD player featuring track skip/fast search, optimum servo control and 2x oversampling system.
MODEL DP820

REMOTE CONTROL

£199.99

NO DEPOSIT INSTANT CREDIT ONLY £9 PER MONTH*

EXPERIENCE LASKYS EXPERIENCE

LASKYS HAVE A NATIONWIDE NETWORK OF STORES. CALL 01-200 0200 FOR DETAILS.



*No deposit credit available to holders aged 18 and over subject to credit check. APR 32.9% variable by direct debit. Which details on request. Laskys are licensed credit providers. Offer subject to availability. Prices correct as of 10/12/87. Kenwood prices in this advertisement are for the UK only. Kenwood Hi-Fi, Kenwood House, London, W10 6BT.

SKY
75p DEC 10 - JAN 12, 1988

CELEBRITY SEX
JULIE BURCHILL ON SEX SYMBOLS

ROBERT DE NIRO
ACTING SERIOUSLY

SMOULDER!
HOT CLOTHES FOR COOL NIGHTS

DOLPH LUNDGREN
MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE?

PRIMADONNA
PASSION MEETS PROFIT

THE BEST OF 1987
WHAT'S GREAT FOR '88

CHRISTMAS DOUBLE

FREE 30 CALENDAR - RIK MAYALL - L.L. COOL J - WIN TICKETS FOR STING

SKY MAGAZINE

75p

TAKE IT ALL IN NOW.

SPECTRUM

How the salerooms sell themselves

There is a new, fast-propagating breed of art books on the market. Fat, glossy, bursting with pictures, their titles seem at first glance an answer to an art collector's every question.

These books are published by the auction houses — Sotheby's, Christie's and Phillips. But for the most part the only items they include are those sold by their own houses. How can they be authoritative?

On one hand it can be argued that they know the business best, and have ideal educational material at their disposal — like a motor company producing a handbook for a new car. But it is also a new form of advertising, subsidised by the public, who originally consigned the works for sale and paid for catalogue pictures which are now being reproduced, quite legitimately, in an art book.

Take the Sotheby's/Penguin 1988 *Guide to Antiques and their Prices Worldwide* with its

artfile

A weekly look at the art world

Sarah Jane Checkland

giddy, yellow slash on the cover, reading "Prices from £30 upwards". Inside, the description of a "comprehensive handbook for amateur and professional alike" is followed by a list promoting Sotheby's experts. All the items in the book are from Sotheby's sales.

Weidenfeld and Nicolson have just published *A Phillips Guide to Tomorrow's Antiques*. The author, Peter Johnson, said yesterday that it was "a general book", although 70 per cent of the contents have been sold through Phillips.

Since 1984 Christie's/Phaidon have produced a series called "Christie's Guide to Collecting", which has been scrupulous in its approach, acknowledging the existence of other auction houses and dealers. But, with the definitive-sounding title *English Furniture 1500-1840* (price £30), their most recent publication lists no item that has not been through Christie's sales rooms; and there are some surprising omissions.

Turn to page 90 for the "The Ditchley table", whose date is given as c.1730. It is described by authors Geoffrey Beard and Judith Goodison as "very important... formerly at Ditchley, Oxfordshire... made for 2nd Earl of Lichfield". To be fair, they acknowledge a difficulty in attribution. In fact, after an estimate of £15,000 to £20,000, at Christie's on November 19, 1981, the table failed to sell and was bought in at £9,900. Some experts believe it was probably manufac-

tured in the 1920s. "If it had been genuine," one specialist explains, "it would have sold for £30,000 to £40,000 at least". The bought-in price is duly included, as though it was a sale price, in the reference list at the back.

Likewise, a "fine overmantel mirror" c.1760 and "some in the manner of Thomas Chippendale": the book describes its authentic inset paintings, but makes no mention of the fact that some experts believe the frame is modern — an opinion disputed by Hugh Roberts of Christie's.

And so the questions continue. When the satinwood cabinet from Northwick Park, Gloucestershire, on page 328 was sold in 1964 for £577 it was mounted on a chest of drawers. When it reappeared at Christie's in 1977, selling for £11,550, it had sprung six legs. The book makes no mention of this strange occurrence.



The Ditchley table: 18th century, says Christie's book — but some experts say circa 1920

This week Geoffrey Beard explained the problems of compiling such a book. "We tried to be academic about it, but our information was only as good as the catalogue entries Christie's provided us with. We did show all the material to Hugh Roberts and according to his advice, did take some entries out. Perhaps we should have put in what's called an ethical note."

Yesterday Hugh Roberts said: "I would be absolutely amazed in a book of this kind if there weren't any errors."

Few publishers, Beard says, can afford such projects without cheap access to the material these days. He argues that his book provides the best illustrated coverage of the field since the *Dictionary of English Furniture* of 1927, republished in 1954.

Going, going

Gavels — those elegant instruments half way between the hammer and the wand — are no longer the domain of professional auctioneers. A new game called Auction has appeared on the market as the festive season approaches. Devised by two academics, it admonishes you to "master the unpredictable trade between auctioneers and antique dealers". It provides a convincing wooden gavel and admonitions to use "salesman's patter" and to gesture eloquently, "maintaining high increments between bids".

It was tested by Charles Woodward, a valuation expert at Phillips Cheltenham and a man who confesses that with board games he usually gets stuck on the instructions. "It was enjoyable," he says. "You really have to watch what's going on. People with the gift of the gab are particularly good at deceiving you, taking bids off the wall. In fact, you learn more about the people who are playing than about auctioneering".

Auction costs £21.99 from Alden Games, 10a Evesham Road, Cheltenham.

Clouds over the garden

When Glasgow throws a party next year, its success could hold the key to the whole future of garden festivals

There is a stir on the south bank of the Clyde. The 250ft lookout tower has been anchored in the mud, the pedestrian bridge has been slung over the river... Glasgow is almost ready for next year's garden festival.

It will be the third such festival — Liverpool and Stoke have come and gone — and on its success during the five months it is open could hang the future of the programme in other cities.

The questions are these: why spend large sums of money, and hours of effort and ingenuity, on a landscape that will largely be dismantled once the show is over? Is this not a betrayal of all that garden festivals should stand for?

For the festival is destined not to last. Towards the end of 1988, the bridge, the tower and all the rest will be cut away. So, too, will some three-quarters of the half-million trees and shrubs planted in the 120 acres of reclaimed dockland, to be distributed around the parks, new towns and open spaces of Clydeside.

Among those who helped to sell the idea of the festival to Michael Heseltine, when he was Secretary of State for the Environment, was Brian Clouston, one of Britain's foremost landscape architects. They had worked extremely well in Germany, but Clouston calls what has happened in Britain "landscape fraud".

The 1984 Liverpool festival bequeathed to the city a new park and a new hill. Stoke, last year, also got a hill but after much dithering, some awful weather and an eventual loss of £5 million, the site went for development. In Glasgow, despite better prospects of success, some four-fifths of the site will be covered in Laing's housing once the festival is over.

The Government has a growing distaste for "soft", as opposed to "hard", reclamation (broadly, green space as against bricks and mortar) on the ground that the former is felt not to pay its way. Yet, as many critics point out, much depends on where you position the financial goalposts.

The Glasgow festival, for example, is costing the Government, through the Scottish Development Agency, the festival's sponsor, £35 million: money diverted from other reclamation projects throughout Scotland. The festival team aims to cut the SDA's outlay to £15 million. "Break-even" point is thus reached if it recoups £20 million.

To achieve this they have set about a marketing and merchandising effort which far outshines Liverpool and Stoke. A travelling roadshow, complete with clowns, jugglers, flower-pot men and Big Rory, the 10ft Scotsman, is touring Sassenach cities. Eighty thousand season tickets have so far been sold and visits guaranteed from every one of Strathclyde's 350,000 schoolchildren.

Bill Simpson, the festival's marketing director, reckons the break-even gate figure of three million visits — Liverpool's claim — is already in the bag.

Central to the efforts, however, is a programme which seeks to emulate the theme parks by providing a fun-filled day for all the family, notably the teenagers between 14 and 20 who, surveys indicate, found previous festivals boring. Hence the emphasis on non-stop jollity. Four hundred acts, from fire-eaters to pipe bands, will be performing each week. Fifty different events should be happening at any one time, Simpson says.

Members of the Glasgow team are all agreed that they are playing a long game and a clever one. The festival, Simpson says, is the "biggest shop window Scotland has had for 50 years". At the same time, it will be promoting the essence of the garden festival philosophy: that soft landscapes improve environmental quality. Perhaps the Government, now considering what to do after the festivals in Gateshead in 1990 and Ebbw Vale in 1992, needs reminding of it.

David Nicholson-Lord

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1435

ACROSS

- 1 Brave (6)
- 4 Budget-leaking Chancellor (6)
- 9 US houseman (7)
- 10 Small Scots farm (5)
- 11 Meals list (4)
- 12 Huge (7)
- 14 Desolate, forlorn (11)
- 18 Dreamlike (7)
- 19 Diplomacy (4)
- 22 Equipped with weapons (5)
- 24 Emerge (7)
- 25 Surgical knife (6)
- 26 Rabbit colony (6)

DOWN

- 1 Bucket (4)
- 2 Loosen (5)
- 3 Noisy disturbance (9)
- 5 Alphabet (1,1,1)
- 6 Thrash (7)
- 7 Observe (6)
- 8 Undistinguished (11)
- 11 Large cup (3)
- 13 Italian restaurant (9)
- 15 Rover (7)
- 16 Loose egg (3)
- 17 Assault (6)
- 20 Professorship (5)
- 21 Chief college official (4)
- 23 Chalmers river (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1434

- ACROSS: 1 Paradise 5 Silt 9 Spooner 10 Oasis 11 Pious 12 Ad-
age 13 Elder 15 Gloss 16 Luffa 18 Penny 20 Oliver 21 Embargo
23 Iowa 24 Alibaba
- DOWN: 1 Posada 2 Rio Bravo 3 Dig 4 Sir Robert Peel 6 Lush
7 Tester 8 Horsely 11 Pansy 14 Diefenbaker 15 Grigri 17 Aurora
19 Avow 22 Bat



Time was when life's finer things such as Hine Cognac were the preserve of a privileged few. Today, it is still the true connoisseur that appreciates the mature, mellow flavour of Hine. The dictionary defines a connoisseur as "one who is an expert judge in matters of taste".

And who are we to argue.



THE TIMES DIARY

Lumped in with the sum

Kenneth Baker's special adviser could hardly find himself before the district auditor. Before joining the then Environment Secretary's office in 1986, Tony Kerpel was a Tory leader on Camden Council when the ruling Labour group was dallying over setting the 1985/86 rate. After warning letters from the district auditor, Kerpel has now met his former Tory colleagues in the borough to defend their conduct over the period. His successor, Peter Skolar, says that as consistent opponents of Labour's line, the group must surely be in the clear. But that defence did not satisfy the auditor when it came to Southwark. Eight Tories there have just been told they are to face charges of "wilful misconduct" over late setting, which could result in a surcharge and banning from holding local office. Toby Eckersley, Southwark's opposition leader in 1985, says that like Camden's Tories his group did everything it could to set a legal rate in time. "And all our efforts may have been for naught."

Whither Weir?

If there was an election tomorrow, how would *New Statesman* advise its readers to vote? The question is not so absurd following the latest head-above-the-parapet act of its new editor, Stuart Weir. Today's issue carries an article by Duncan Campbell of Zircon fame blaming Neil Kinnock and MP Robert Sheldon for a lack of courage and judgement which sparked "an unprecedented wave of censorship and diminution of parliamentary authority" over the affair. And Weir himself, writing in a students' magazine, *Plural*, doesn't back Labour either. In an article on the welfare state he says: "I doubt the ability of the Labour Party to meet the challenge of the times." But, Labour's welfare spokesman, Robin Cook, takes the criticism in his stride, saying Weir is an engaging fellow. "The piece shows why he is the editor of a magazine and I am in politics."

Making sure

The settlement of the postal dispute seems to have sent some people dotty. Yesterday I received no fewer than three Christmas cards — the first this season — all addressed by hand and all from the Savoy Hotel. Thanks.

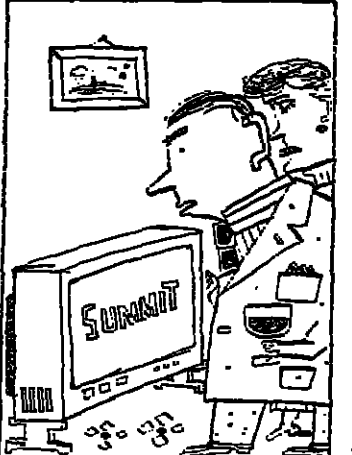
On the subject of Christmas, a colleague has received a cracker to advertise a Health and Safety Commission initiative. When pulled it didn't go off — which was perhaps just as well since it was chairman Dr John Cullen's draft proposals to protect workers from hearing loss.

Fab party

Arguments over the new name for the merged Liberal-Social Democratic party took a personal turn on Tuesday night when David Steel said that the most appropriate handle — the Liberal Social Democrat party — should not be ruled out because of the initials it would bestow. The Sixties were over and the drug associations of the letters could now be ignored, he maintained. "In that case," quipped long-haired, bearded and sandalled Liberal Tony Greaves, "why are you still wearing those shirts?"

Berkshire county councillors have asked officers to refrain from using the American vulgarism "to represent three nights" in official reports on salaries. Let's hope it is not replaced by the equally fashionable "grand".

BARRY FANTONI



'You've just missed Gorbachev quoting Woody Allen'

Master strokes

Someone somewhere has decided to commemorate the summit with an extraordinary exchange of paintings between the USSR and the US, depicting treachery and human suffering. Titian's "St Sebastian", the Christian martyr, complete with three arrows in his torso and two in his left arm, is going for most of next year to the National Gallery in Washington DC. In the opposite direction El Greco's "Llano" which depicts the Trojan spy wrestling with his two sons against an enormous sea serpent as punishment for betrayal, will go from Washington to the Lenox Hill Hermitage for its 225th anniversary in 1989. I hate to think what might have been on the list if the Gorbachev visit had been less chummy.

PHS

The tradition of the anonymous preface to *Crockford's Clerical Directory* was one of those urbane games which can be sustained only so long as people understand the unwritten rules. However witty or caustic its comments, we could count on a piece that was detached and non-partisan, and this was the *quid pro quo* of anonymity.

Anyone acquainted with Dr Gareth Bennett, even while admiring his scholarship and sharing his views, could have seen that he was temperamentally unable to fulfil that condition. He was too emotionally involved in the current political and ecclesiastical controversies, and his anxieties preyed upon a naturally depressive disposition. He was the tragic victim of, at the very least, a thoroughly misguided selection.

So the biennial joke is over, I would guess, and the happiest outcome for *Crockford's* would be privatization once more, since it is no more a Synod paper than *Who's Who* is a parliamentary report.

But far more than that must surely follow from this shocking denouement. It cannot now be denied that the level of anxiety is too high and that something is wrong with the way in which the Church of England handles controversial issues. There is confusion and a conflict of interests in its exercise of authority. But the archbishops are the wrong target for any reasonable censure.

Cardinal Hume spoke for a huge majority both within and beyond the churches when he applauded the strength of Dr Robert Runcie's leadership, for the Archbishop of Canterbury has consistently defended the moderation of that "middle ground" which is the true inheritance of Anglicanism. Our present weakness lies not in the temperate wisdom of Canterbury and York, but in the individualism of the House of Bishops and the politicization of the General Synod.

Much as I envy the Church of Ireland, whose 12 diocesan bishops can meet monthly, reach decisions by consensus and be counted upon to abide by them, I neither expect nor desire such unanimity among the 43 di-

Crockford's: a sign of church torment

by John Taylor

ocesans of the Church of England. It is necessary that between them they represent the various trends and traditions of our church.

This is nothing new. In every generation the Bench has had its handful of rogue bishops, without forfeiting the trust of the Church or, more importantly, of the Church Assembly. But when far-reaching change creates a mood of greater expectation or anxiety, there is a corresponding need for more corporate responsibility on the part of the episcopate.

Each must be free to express his individual convictions and to guide his diocese without losing personal integrity, but must moderate statements of his views to the corporate nature of the authority he shares with the rest, and a provocative insistence on doing it "my way" destroys the unity he is commissioned to uphold. The exaggerated anxieties that infect some of the clergy and of the laity in the church and, notably, in the General Synod must to some extent be laid at the door of the House of Bishops, and this despite the firm and consistent guidance of its chairman.

But a greater exacerbation of conflict has undoubtedly been caused by the politicization of the General Synod. For long it has been evident that the Mother of Parliaments is an inappropriate model for the legislative assembly of a church. But this is not the heart of the problem. Much worse is the way in which that quasi-parliamentary structure and its permanent staff tempt the members of Synod, and the parties within it, to gain the decisions they

hope for by manipulation, lobbying and tactics. This creates an atmosphere of confrontation and even of conspiracy, and argument tends to use the logic of power or expediency rather than theology.

An example of this can be seen in the manner in which the Synod has tackled the difficult question of the rights or wrongs of ordaining women to the priesthood. If this is to come it should, by any Christian assessment, be the result of theological conviction. I personally hope for it because I believe that the inclusion of women with men within the priesthood will express more truly the essential nature and meaning of priesthood, which is rooted in humanity as such and its special place in the order of creation. I also find that all the theological arguments against the ordination of women tend towards very dubious doctrines which I must disallow.

But theological truth is not best served by politicizing the issue. I therefore regret the extent to which the Movement for the Ordination of Women has put its emphasis on emancipation and social change. This has enabled the opponents of women's priesthood to accuse the protagonists of having no motivation other than trendiness. I would claim that the deterioration in this whole debate is due to a large extent to the manner in which the General Synod relies upon tactics and pressure groups rather than a concerted search for true understanding.

The shambles of the recent

"morality" debate is a further example of the inadequacy of present synodical method. Parliament has its ways of dealing with a bad bill or misguided motion. However worthy the intentions of that motion in the recent General Synod, it was obvious that if it were passed it would be an invitation to a witch-hunt, and if defeated would appear to signal indifference on the part of the Church.

The amendment was patently no more than the best way out of a situation that should have never been allowed to arise. Some of the issues which the motion included are best left to pastoral discretion and can only become distorted by being framed in an enactment. The motion was an unhappy declaration of a breakdown of trust in episcopal competence.

Part of this crisis of confidence is due, as I have said, to a lack of corporate discipline in the House of Bishops, but at least as much is caused by the ambition of the staff of Church House to abrogate to the General Synod some of the authority which should clearly remain with the bishops. This tendency needs to be recognized and the balance of power sorted out if a healthy confidence is to be restored.

And this has an important bearing on the future of ecumenical relations. If new steps are to be taken towards greater unity between the Anglican and the Roman Catholic churches the latter must be truly persuaded that the Anglicans' inclusion of laity in the decision-making of the Church is a good thing. That conviction of ours is too precious to be surrendered, but the present state of affairs in the General Synod does not greatly commend it.

Controversy will not go away. Anxieties will persist. Minorities must be enabled to live with policies that they have opposed without feeling excluded. It is of paramount importance that the Church of England should attend to the weaknesses that I have identified in order that we may go forward in a more trustful spirit and more positive hope.

The author was formerly Bishop of Winchester.

Paul Vallely reports from Addis Ababa on the policies of both sides in Ethiopia's regional conflicts that could mean a slow death by starvation for thousands

More war, more want



Aid that did get through: flour is distributed from a Red Cross convoy in a remote area of Tigré province

Few people are starving at the moment in Ethiopia. The early warning systems set up after the catastrophe of 1984-85 have been learnt. Western governments have responded much more promptly and adequate amounts of food are already being shipped or are pledged for next year. Cash has also been forthcoming more quickly to repair and update port facilities and fleets of trucks.

But things are different in the north. There about three million people are hungry, their food supplies from the 1986 harvest finished, or almost so. The 1987 harvest has been a total failure. Drought has been compounded by civil war. Aid workers predict that unless the war is scaled down we shall again see those harrowing television pictures of wasting children and desperate adults, with perhaps hundreds of thousands of deaths. Some say it will take three months; others only a matter of weeks.

The war in Eritrea is the longest running in Africa. For 27 years this former Italian colony, now led by the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front (EPLF), has been fighting for independence from Ethiopia. In addition the government faces guerrilla warfare from half a dozen other rebel troops in different parts of the country, the most serious of which is the Tigrayan Peoples Liberation Front (TPLF). This claims to control some 85 per cent of Tigré province, which is now the worst hit by famine.

The key difference between the present famine and the last is that the rebels are now clearly on the offensive. For the past two years relations between the EPLF and the TPLF have been decidedly cool, following a rather arcane disagreement over Marxist theory. But early in October it seems they reached a tacit agreement on a new strategy.

In northern Ethiopia the only

areas over which the government exercises consistent control are the major towns and the four main roads which link them. The rebel tactics are now challenging even this. On October 2, the TPLF took the town of Rama, reportedly killing hundreds of government troops. One of the two main roads in Tigré has been closed ever since as a result. Then on October 23 the EPLF, which is engaged in trench war in the far north but also operates extensively behind the government front line, began a series of attacks on convoys entering Tigré along the other main route.

The first to be attacked was a United Nations convoy carrying enough food to feed 45,000 people for a month. Many observers here dismiss the attack as a tactical error by the rebels but it seems more likely a deliberate decision to demonstrate that they can now control the roads too. EPLF officers left a message for the UN, which has so far gone unreported, that they would allow free passage to convoys run by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) because it was feeding peasants from both sides. But the UN was regarded as a target because it "walked only with the government, distributing food which went also to militiamen".

For President Mengistu all this comes at a difficult time. He has the largest standing army in Africa, but the war in Eritrea demands significant manpower. Strong forces are positioned along borders with Somalia and Sudan, with whom relations have recently deteriorated. At the same time it is reported that Mengistu's more Stalinist approach is finding less sympathy in the Soviet Union under Gorbachev, who made a thinly veiled criticism of Ethiopia's economic policies in a recent communiqué. Military observers here report a substantial

drop in the amount of Soviet arms entering Ethiopia over the past 12 months.

It is the closure of the roads which will turn drought into famine in Tigré. Those distributing food in the province — the ICRC, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the government's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) need 22,000 tonnes a month. At present only one fifth of that is getting through by road. An emergency air lift, financed for next three months only, drops around 11,000 tonnes a month in the provincial capital, Mekele.

The resulting shortfall of 7,000 tonnes a month will soon take its toll on a population which is already weak. A Red Cross survey in Wukro last week discovered that 9 per cent of the children were severely malnourished and 60 per cent were moderately malnourished.

One senior aid worker said: "The further fear is that if all the food is going into Mekele by air and that the roads are not open to distribute it from there, then people will flock in huge numbers to the town creating a massive refugee camp with all the attendant diseases of overcrowding and poor sanitation."

Both the Red Cross and the UN say the solution is for them to be allowed to travel freely at any time without a military escort, at their own risk. The government feels that to agree would be tantamount to recognizing the rebels, whom it refers to only as "bandits".

Instead it refuses permission for food convoys to travel when it regards the roads as unsafe. One aid worker estimated that this meant the road from Asmara was open on only one day a week. "It cannot be more often because to open the road sometimes takes as many as 30,000 troops," one government official told me pri-

vately. "Those men have to be diverted from the war in Eritrea so they can be stationed in groups at every kilometre along the road and on the surrounding hills."

Even then the army insists that food convoys should be escorted. The CRS and RRC convoys, which are driven by Ethiopians, feel compelled to agree. But the UN and Red Cross, which have expatriates among the drivers, refuse. "Even when we start out unescorted the army gets up to dirty tricks and tries to sandwich us between two military convoys by having the one before go slowly and another come up quickly behind us," said one aid worker. "Once the army is with us that makes us, in rebel eyes, a legitimate target."

"Often convoys get stuck en route. A one-day journey can take four weeks. Last week 35 UN and 14 ICRC trucks were stuck in Adigrat for five days when the town came under renewed TPLF pressure. Several hundred government soldiers were reported killed or wounded. Sixty of them were taken to Mekele hospital for treatment. The government counter-attacked using Soviet helicopter gunships and MIGs. As a result the road was closed for over a week." Aid workers here feel that Bob Geldof has fulfilled a useful function by saying the things which they dare not say for fear of expulsion. "If people starve to death in Tigré they will have been murdered," he said, "and the EPLF, the TPLF and the government will be the murderers."

He has called for a ceasefire or at the very least an unspoken truce in which the rebels refrain from attacks on government garrisons and the roads they protect and the government gives free passage to aid workers anywhere in the country.

Few people believe either side will agree. But if they do not the outlook is bleak.

Anne Sofer

Baker's grant of servitude

The most controversial proposal in Kenneth Baker's education reform bill is undoubtedly "opting out" — the right of local authority schools to apply for grant-maintained status. The criticism from local education authorities and teachers has been predictable, and the government has faced it with a degree of equanimity, not to say arrogance, even when the local authorities and teachers in question have been loyal Conservatives.

Government ministers may have been more irritated by opposition of that scourge of left-wing authorities, the Audit Commission, which has criticised the proposals on the grounds of cost and inefficiency. And they may have been astonished by the strength of hostility expressed by the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches. After all, the proposals contain a considerable financial bonus for the church schools. If they opt out, 100 per cent of their capital costs will be paid out of the public purse, instead of the present 85 per cent. However, it appears that the churches prefer their present semi-autonomous relationship with local authorities to the one offered by the Secretary of State.

The churches are being canny. Like the other protesters, leading churchmen have voiced their objections in terms of the damage the opting out proposals will do to the system as a whole, their divisiveness, and capacity to sabotage any proposals for rationalization or reorganization. But behind the high-mindedness there is undoubtedly a well-judged suspicion that grant-maintained status would be far more precarious for their schools than the present "voluntary aided" arrangements.

In fact any school considering applying for grant-maintained status would be well advised to scrutinize the small print of the bill carefully. The whole character and existence of these schools will be dependent on one person, to an extent possibly paralleled only in private prep schools run by a sole proprietor. The instrument and articles of government will be made, and can be varied and revoked by, the Secretary of State. He will be able to appoint his own nominees to the governing body and to fill vacancies. He will have the power to manipulate the spending formula, to vet plans to dispose of land or property, and hold the purse strings over special-needs spending and capital projects. He will also be able to close the school on a wide number of grounds, some of which will depend upon his opinion alone.

Contrary to the prevailing popular impression, parents of children at grant-maintained schools will actually have less power than those in local authority schools. Under the 1986 Education Act, Sir Keith Joseph's legacy, parents in local authority schools have been given an equal number of elected positions on

school governing bodies as the local authority, and there are in addition elected teacher governors and co-opted governors: no group has a majority. But in grant-maintained schools, under the Baker bill, an appointed group will retain an overall majority over all elected governors put together. These are the "first governors" — those who applied for grant-maintained status in the first place, and their appointment is perpetual: it will effectively be a self-perpetuating oligarchy.

Grant-maintained schools have been projected as a device for giving schools freedom from political interference. But in fact another section of the bill does this far more effectively. Parents, heads and teachers who are now chafing under the control which the local education authority exercises over management, budget decisions and appointment of staff can take heart from the proposals for delegation of powers from local authorities to governors. These proposals, modelled on the scheme piloted in Alliance-led Cambridgeshire, will indeed shift the balance of power at local level. But with such a radical increase in autonomy to all schools, why should grant-maintained status be needed at all?

The answer lies in three words that do not appear in the bill: protection, money and privilege. This is the motivation to which the government is appealing. Schools will opt out to escape reorganization, to gain financial advantage or to reintroduce selection. On this last point it is clear that Mrs Thatcher has prevailed over Mr Baker. During the election campaign Baker declared that opted-out schools would not be able to apply to change their character within five years. No such time limit appears in the bill. And even if they do not formally change their non-selective designation, the fact that they will have control of admission arrangements will enable them to weed out the less desirable applicants.

That schools should be tempted for all three reasons is understandable. To appeal to their conscience and sense of wider responsibility may be a waste of time. But they should — and I am sure they will — look towards their long-term self-interest as well. Do they want to be perpetually dependent on the whims of a whole succession of future Secretaries of State? Before performing the irrevocable deed of applying for grant-maintained status (and it is irrevocable — the legislation permits no second thoughts) the applicants should perhaps be advised to pause for a moment. They should remember Macbeth on the blasted heath, presented with a vision of future rulers, the line stretching out to the crack of doom. "Horrible sight!" he observed. They might, if they reflect on the possibilities, agree.

The author is a member of the SDP national committee.

however . . . Joseph Connolly

Keep taking the pillars

You've read all those articles about people falling in love with derelict houses. "Many lesser mortals would have found the prospect too daunting, but for Gideon and Elspeth it presented a very real challenge." And where do their furnishings come from? Bond Street antique showrooms? Top interior consultants? No, it all comes from skips: the Hippel-white table with 10 chairs and two carvers? Found them in a skip, wrapped up in a Gobelin tapestry. Carved Adam mantle? Lying in its component parts next to a skip — navy was about to put a sledgehammer through the lot, but a drink secured. Gilded torchères? Skip. Aubusson rug? Skip. It's amazing, they tell you, what you can find in a skip.

It's never amazed me — rubble, clay, worm-ridden architrave and unspeakable mattresses tend to be per for the course, with maybe the odd rusting convexor heater. But the other day, when I was rushing home in the pouring rain, it finally happened to me — there, atop a convex mountain of earth in the biggest skip I have ever seen, lay a pair of 3ft Doric pillars, which I was convinced would be absolutely perfect for something or other.

Now I have already hinted at a few of the problems: huge skip, pouring rain, potential mud-slide. These proved surmountable, initially, although by the time I had gained the apex it was clear that my Burberry would never be quite the same again. The pillars, although hollow, were a deadweight, and every time I heaved one of them upright my feet descended farther into the mire. This situation might have persisted until I sank without trace, had not a kindly passer-by helped me ease the things down to the pavement; I thanked him profusely.

"That's quite all right," he said. "You see — I understand. I too have a history of mental instability."

By now the rain was torrential, and I stood there like a survivor of Passchendaele, tastelessly flanked by a couple of dwarf classical pillars, waiting in the forlorn hope of a cruising taxi — but when an elderly lady rushed up to me with pity brimming over in her eyes and dropped a few coins into one of the pillars, I thought I had better make a move.

Of course, the sensible thing would have been to manhandle one of the things home, and then return for the other, but leave one such object unguarded in my part of London and it would be in a thrall, uplit, surrounded by palms and surmounted by a Tang dynasty horse before you could say David Hicks. So I leaned over, shoved an arm deep into the core of each of them, and swung them up so they looked like Boris Karloff's plaster casts, the terrible weight heaving my body forward so that I skittered down the street like a camel in concrete.

"Sorry!" I screamed, as one pillar butted an old lady as she rearranged her shopping trolley. "Sorry!" I wailed, as a child set up an unearthly howl at the very sight of me, burrowing his emurpiled face deep into his mother's abdomen. Eventually the strain was too much, and I had to set them down. For the last lap I determined to roll them, the advantage being that the remaining journey was downhill all the way. Well, by now I think the pillars were about as fed up as I was, for certainly they seemed to be suddenly awfully eager to be out of the rain; they careered off without waiting for any guidance from me, causing a couple of dripping mongrels to abandon their courtship in favour of yelping and bolting for their lives. A Doric pillar close on the heels of each of them.

Finally, the blighted things fetched up against a parked Sierra, but the dogs didn't let up and seemed well on their way to the next borough by the time I was at my front gate. I heaved one pillar on top of the other, and I must say the result looked noble; as I limped indoors to peel off my ruined clothes and attend to the more pressing wounds, I felt that all might not have been in vain.

That was the night of the worst storms in London since records began. The bin-men have now surveyed the shattered ruins of my pillars, and have offered to take them away for a couple of quid. "Why?" asked a well-meaning friend. "Why didn't you leave them where they were? And why on earth did you stand one on top of the other?"

I don't know the answer, except I suppose that right from the beginning I thought they might have the makings of a column.

UPH 150

for Prince

tary hospital
ting millions

en's
ing
s

Aids plea
on prison
drug use

ADOP IN CRISIS
ART TO SEE THEM

0604 22964
CALL NOW
WORLD VISION



1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN Telephone: 01-481-4100

CHURCHMAN'S LEGACY

Today the Church of England has one great chance to begin to redeem the honour it has allowed so foolishly, publicly and tragically to be tarnished. If the policy subcommittee of the Standing Committee of the General Synod does nothing else, it should strive to contradict the verdict of the *Crockford's* preface, no longer anonymous but now in effect posthumous, concerning its own proceedings. Dr Gareth Bennett wrote of it: "The body which was given responsibility for discussing policy in fact never does so."

The Church must address recent events with the humility to seek from them all their lessons. Only the truth matters, and the right response to it: the protection of reputations will necessarily take second place.

The subcommittee must face squarely the role in the affair played by the Synod's Secretary General, Mr Derek Pattinson, and the questions it raises about his continued fitness for office. It must review the conduct over the past week of other prominent church participants in this bizarre disaster. Finally, it must do justice to Dr Bennett himself, by adopting his preface as its agenda for a thorough review of its policy.

Mr Pattinson put his considerable weight behind the continuation of the *Crockford's* preface tradition when Oxford University Press sold the enterprise to the Church. In such matters, what Mr Pattinson wants he generally gets. In fact he appears also to be behind the more recent institution of yet another anonymous preface, this time in the *Church of England Year Book*.

The potential for mischief in these tracts is not their anonymity as such, but their irresponsibility in practice. With whose authority does a *Crockford's* preface appear? Who is responsible to whom for it? These questions have been repeatedly not answered, not even addressed. That is a serious failure of management, and management is Mr Pattinson's business.

There is no force in the defence that he was following precedent. What happened under OUP's control should never have been adopted uncritically once *Crockford's* passed to the Church's ownership. The precedent which Mr Pattinson was observing insists, so his statement on Tuesday asserted, that the preface text should be passed to the printer unedited. But where else in the entire field of publishing does such a situation exist?

A VERB FOR EUROPE

Suddenly "to set aside" has become the most fashionable phrase in the EEC. As Mrs Thatcher remarked at the Copenhagen Summit last weekend, this latest addition to the vocabulary of reform is not one which normally rolls off the English tongue. Like the scheme itself, it is of American origin. In simple terms it means taking land out of production to help ease the Community's farm spending crisis.

This is a superficially attractive idea. Its merits were stressed this week by Mr John MacGregor, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, when he outlined a consultative document on paying British farmers and beef farmers for leaving land fallow or cutting back their herds. There was a welcome for Mr MacGregor's announcement yesterday at the European Commission, which has asked EEC member states to come up with national "set aside" schemes by April 1 next year.

Britain is the first to do so. Bonn, which began an experimental scheme in Lower Saxony last year, regards it as the key to farm reform. There will no doubt be further talk of "set aside" at this weekend's annual round of US-EEC talks in Brussels.

It is instructive, however, that the reaction to Mr MacGregor's consultative document from British farmers has been mixed, even though it is suggested that they might be offered up to £80 for every acre of cereals they take out of production. Some would say that opposition to the scheme on the part of the National Farmers' Union is proof that it might actually work, given the traditional resistance of farmers' representatives to farming cuts. But Britain's farming lobby, unlike that of France

Mr Pattinson was seriously at fault if he failed to advise Dr Bennett, as any editor will sometimes advise a writer, that he might have gone too far, might have failed to see the unintended impact a certain word or phrase might have. Dr Bennett would surely have accepted such advice, and been grateful that he had not been allowed to throw himself inadvertently to the wolves.

Did Mr Pattinson not realise a hunt for the anonymous author was inevitable? Once it began, he surely had a further duty to advise Dr Bennett on his defences. Did he advise him to lie, or warn him not to? Or does he accept no responsibility whatever for how Dr Bennett reacted to the pressure, the growing atmosphere of suspicion, deception and acrimony, and his consequent and eventually fatal isolation from the support of friends? If Mr Pattinson has no good answers to these questions, he should resign.

It would be seemly if, in presiding over such an inquisition as this, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, were also to acknowledge that his own contribution to the public debate on the preface was at fault. It was, at least, a failure of charity. Not apparently knowing the author, and unable therefore to estimate the impact of his words (or for that matter the truth of the motive he was imputing), he described the preface as scurrilous, sour and vindictive.

He thereby helped unwittingly to propel the tragedy towards its final curtain. So, to greater or lesser degree, did those at every level of the Church who pointed a finger of suspicion at Dr Bennett, for the benefit of each other or of inquiring journalists, once they knew he had denied responsibility. If he felt they were speaking from knowledge rather than guesswork he must have felt utterly betrayed, indeed deliberately entrapped.

Dr Bennett knew about the Church of England under stress. He was a notable historian of the Church in a particularly difficult period, the post-Restoration era, and believed in an idea of the Church of England as a continuous life in an historical tradition, its present flowing from its past. He felt that that church was at risk today, and even doubted its survival. He made one last desperate throw of the dice to win back its soul. He seemed to have lost. The task of the churchmen meeting today is to prove him wrong.

or West Germany, cannot be accused of obdurate resistance to all farm reform. NFU leaders have tended to take the realistic view that cuts are inevitable and that the priority must be to soften the impact on farmers' livelihoods and the rural community.

In the parlous state of the EEC's finances any idea is welcome. None the less, caution here is fully justified. The scheme is expensive. It would hit farmers less hard than price cuts and accords with the Commission's policy of setting farm reform within a socio-economic framework. But farmers who offer to set aside land will want "adequate" compensation and the cost of income-aid and other measures could undermine the effect of any savings achieved.

There is also the danger that farmers would take their poorest land out of production and increase the yields on the land left under cultivation. "Set aside" has, on the whole, been a failure in the United States, partly because of this factor. Policing the schemes is very difficult and the EEC team of inspectors is already overstretched in preventing agricultural fraud through abuse of existing complicated farm policy mechanisms.

A major political advantage of the British move toward a "set aside" element in farm policy is that it could persuade West Germany to move closer to the British demand for strict "stabilizers", or automatic limits to farm output, by the time of the special EEC Summit in Brussels in February. The February Summit could, in the end, hang on the nature of the balance to be struck between "stabilizers" and "set aside". But the second can only complement the first; it is no substitute.

END THE TOUR

Cricketers traditionally regard themselves as sporting paragons of morality and dignity on the field of play. Other sportsmen may sully their reputations through petulance but cricket — and specifically, English cricket — is supposed to be a fair game for a family audience. This ideal, somewhat tarnished in recent years, has suffered devastating damage by the events of recent days and the penance may be long and painful.

It is hard to apportion precise blame for the degrading incidents which yesterday caused an entire day's Test cricket to be replaced by an undignified bureaucratic chase between cricket ground and capital city. What, however, is inescapable is the fact that an England cricket captain behaved with an outrageous lack of self-control. That cannot be forgiven and forgotten, no matter the degree of provocation.

Mr Mike Gatting struck such a menacing pose towards one of the umpires that an England player thought it necessary to restrain him from any thought of physical assault. Leaving aside the words he used and their allegedly "foul and abusive" content, this action alone might have been sufficient, in other sports, to have caused the offender's expulsion from the field of play.

Such a punishment is, of course, not available in cricket, where the unwritten law for players in adversity has been a stately turning of the cheek. Although leading cricketers do not normally possess the characteristics of angels, they have normally practised the virtue of self-discipline. Mr Gatting, by giving voice to frustration, destroyed his game's most precious code and, in doing so, has helped put cricket at risk from the same malaise which has

been plaguing football, tennis and boxing.

It has become a cliché to single out the example of Mr John McEnroe, the ill-tempered tennis player, whenever sporting behaviour is in question. The analogy is relevant now, however. The price which tennis has paid for McEnroe's excesses is the large number of precocious, teenage imitators who think it clever to ape his tantrums. If Mr Gatting's performance is to stand without condemnation, how many youngsters may consider that an acceptable part of their cricket technique is the ability to bawl at umpires?

Cricket in England has been carefully nurtured at the lower levels over recent years. The local clubs, taking the role discarded by many schools, have extended their colts sections, in many cases, to those 10 years old and younger. At both under-13 and under-15 level more than 1,000 clubs now enter national competitions. The game is thriving among the young and it is no time to infect their minds.

Mr Gatting and his players have been under intense and probably unfair pressure in a country where all conceivable factors are ranged against the visitor. It has been repeatedly said that Pakistan's tactics in inflicting incompetent umpires on England are a direct retaliation for the events of last summer, when their own objections to David Constant, a leading English umpire, were overruled.

But the reaction is not justified by such suspicions, nor by bad decisions at the hands of those umpires. The tour should be ended now — before it can do any further harm to the name of cricket.

A weak link in liquor laws?

From Sir Monty Finniston, FRS, FENG
Sir, I have always understood that in relating the facts of any situation one should start at the relevant beginning. The article entitled "White hot for the market", by Sir Ian MacGregor (December 5), begins in 1976, as if the 10 years which preceded this had made no contribution to what followed.

To set the record straight, rationalisation did not begin under Sir Charles Villiers as Sir Ian states. The definitive document on the rationalisation of the British Steel Corporation was set out in the White Paper of 1973, itself based on a deep study of the future market for steel a decade on. If mistakes in reading the future were made, these exposed themselves with the "20-20" vision of hindsight and support of the passage of time.

Never the less, it is of interest that my successors, Sir Charles himself, Sir Ian, Sir Robert Haslam and now Sir Robert Scholey (who, incidentally, was my appointment as chief executive in 1973, when I became chairman on the premature death of my predecessor, Lord Melchett), have not departed in any significant particular from what was intended in the rationalisation of the corporation long before any of my successors came to influence.

Furthermore, all licensees have the right to serve or not to serve anyone of the appropriate age in his/her premises. Are we saying that the present climate prevents licensees using this prerogative?

The statement by the Lord Privy Seal is only what is to be expected from a member of a Parliament which is attempting to alter the current liquor-licensing legislation without consulting the various licensing committees who will have to administer that legislation in its final form.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. JEFFERSON,
Deputy Chairman,
Birmingham Licensing Committee,
3 Vanguard House,
Farnborough Road,
Birmingham, West Midlands.
December 5.

Court duties

From Mr J. N. Spencer
Sir, I was surprised to read the letter from Mr Rowland (November 26) suggesting the use of security guards for tasks, including the escort of prisoners in magistrates' courts, without any consideration of the jurisdictional and constitutional aspects.

The courts have a number of powers, including powers under the Contempt of Courts Act 1981, and such guards could be in a difficult position. Is Mr Rowland suggesting they should, like the police, be armed when escorting terrorist prisoners?

Perhaps they could be sworn in as special constables, a practice magistrates have adopted over the last five hundred years! Yours faithfully,
J. N. SPENCER,
Clerk to the Justices,
Bridport, Dorchester, Sherborne and Weymouth & Portland Magistrates' Courts,
Law Courts, Westway Road,
Weymouth, Dorset.
December 3.

Sit. crit.

From Dr Paul Dean
Sir, The advertisement today (November 30) of a lectureship in critical theory at Oxford (the first of its kind I have seen) and its association with Linacre, an exclusively postgraduate college, are deeply dispiriting signs of the times.

Those of us who have watched, during the last decade and more, the growth of the critical theory industry, whose supporters hate the fact that books are written and read by people and seek to smother the humane (and human-centred) activity of literary criticism beneath a woolly blanket of deconstructing and abstract jargon, will grieve that such activities should be given official sanction and promotion by any university, but by Oxford especially. (Cambridge succeeded, some years ago, in containing, if not eradicating, the menace, albeit at the cost of a regius professor.)

It is equally lamentable that the university is prepared to waste as much as £19,000 per annum on paying the lecturer's salary, when the Bodleian Library, which does cater for people who want to read and think about books as well as those who can only theorise about them, is desperately short of money.

Perhaps I should add that I am not a graduate of either Oxford or Cambridge, although I have often wished I were — until today, at any rate. Yours faithfully,
PAUL DEAN,
112 Chatsworth Avenue,
Cosham,
Portsmouth, Hampshire.
November 30.

Moving into trouble

From Mr Michael Brod
Sir, Following Mr Semmens's letter (November 28) about his difficulties with utility companies, I moved house in July this year and took the precaution of reading the meters.

When the London Electricity Board and North Thames Gas final accounts for my old house eventually arrived, both accounts were drastically overstated, amounting to overcharges of £50 and £55 respectively.

Both boards revised their accounts promptly, but I wonder how many unsuspecting householders, in the turmoil of a move, have been overcharged in this way.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BROD,
Flat 3, 26 Beisize Lane,
Hamstead, NW3.
December 1.

Looking back at steel's future

From Sir Monty Finniston, FRS, FENG
Sir, I have always understood that in relating the facts of any situation one should start at the relevant beginning. The article entitled "White hot for the market", by Sir Ian MacGregor (December 5), begins in 1976, as if the 10 years which preceded this had made no contribution to what followed.

To set the record straight, rationalisation did not begin under Sir Charles Villiers as Sir Ian states. The definitive document on the rationalisation of the British Steel Corporation was set out in the White Paper of 1973, itself based on a deep study of the future market for steel a decade on. If mistakes in reading the future were made, these exposed themselves with the "20-20" vision of hindsight and support of the passage of time.

Never the less, it is of interest that my successors, Sir Charles himself, Sir Ian, Sir Robert Haslam and now Sir Robert Scholey (who, incidentally, was my appointment as chief executive in 1973, when I became chairman on the premature death of my predecessor, Lord Melchett), have not departed in any significant particular from what was intended in the rationalisation of the corporation long before any of my successors came to influence.

Furthermore, all licensees have the right to serve or not to serve anyone of the appropriate age in his/her premises. Are we saying that the present climate prevents licensees using this prerogative?

The statement by the Lord Privy Seal is only what is to be expected from a member of a Parliament which is attempting to alter the current liquor-licensing legislation without consulting the various licensing committees who will have to administer that legislation in its final form.

Bullying allegations

From the Colonel, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards

Sir, I think it very sad that an MP can quote from an anonymous letter which gravely damages the good name of my regiment without first checking on the validity of the allegations contained in that letter; that certain sections of the media then report the MP's rumour only compounds this harm.

Those vile allegations of initiation ceremonies, involving the drinking of urine and officers appearing naked in front of the troops they command, have been totally and categorically denied by the commanding officer. This denial was strongly backed up today in the House of Commons with the reply given by the Under Secretary of State for the Armed Forces to Mr Ashley.

Reputations of fine regiments in the British Army are slowly and painstakingly built up over years of excellence, high standards, and the dedication of both officers and men. I find it tragic that this anonymous letter was written, on the author's own admission, by someone who has served in The Parachute Regiment, whose knowledge of my regiment must therefore at best be second hand.

Coin Street homes

From Mr Iain J. Tuckett

Sir, Coin Street Community Builders and Mulberry Housing Co-operative view with great concern the allegations reported in your columns (later editions, December 7) that we want to keep black people out of the houses which we are building on the South Bank. These allegations are incorrect.

Our published membership policy clearly states that the co-op intends its overall membership to reflect the social and racial mix of all those in housing need in the boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark. It expects to let approximately one third of its homes to black households.

We asked Lambeth and Southwark councils to nominate twice as many households as we had homes available for and to ensure that the nominations submitted allowed us to fulfil the criteria of our policy. Having interviewed the households, the co-op has made provisional allocations and these families are now receiving training to collectively take over the ownership and management of their homes when these are completed early next year. Forty-four per cent of these households are black.

A bad blow

From Mr Brian Bagnall

Sir, The letter from the president and vice-president of the Timber Trade Federation (November 30) would have been even more useful a month ago. The woods on the Chantries (a stretch of hill close by and owned by Guildford Borough Council) were devastated by the October winds. Walking through them last week was a saddening experience.

We were additionally sad to see that straight banks of broad-leaved trees had been cut into quite unusable lengths of about 5ft; thus we are robbed not only of the beauty of the standing tree but also of decent use by conversion. And, incidentally, possibly some financial gain to the taxpayer.

Yours truly,
BRIAN BAGNALL,
Shalford Mill,
Guildford, Surrey.
December 1.

Open windows in Whitehall

From Lord Hunt of Tanworth

Sir, Your advice in today's leading article (December 8) to the next Secretary of the Cabinet is flawed. A decision to "open Whitehall's windows" would rest with ministers and not him.

More importantly, you posed a choice between a career Civil Service with the highest integrity and a service which concentrates on efficiency and flexibility. This is confusing standards and organisation. It should be possible to have the best of both, which is no doubt what Sir Robert Armstrong has been trying to achieve.

In this context the issue of lifelong confidentiality is a red herring: what that argument is about is unauthorised disclosure. Yours faithfully,
HUNT OF TANWORTH,
House of Lords.
December 8.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 10 1805

In its early years The Times made arrangements to receive journals from the Continent, which were then translated in its offices. Consequently it was able to provide its readers with the news from the fronts of the Napoleonic Wars. Below is one from the day's issue in which every page was devoted to the campaign in Austria.

FROM THE FRENCH PAPERS.

SCHEERBRUNN, Nov. 26.

"Prince MURAT, and the corps under Marshal LANNES, came up with the Russian army yesterday at Hohenbrunn. Our cavalry charged them; but the enemy immediately abandoned the ground, leaving an hundred carriages, with their equipments. The enemy having been reinforced, and his dispositions made, an Austrian flag of truce advanced, and demanded permission for the Russian troops to separate from the Austrians, which was granted."

Chapels in Changi

From Mr G. C. I. Rawlings

Sir, Your correspondent David Arkush (December 7) is right. Jewish services did continue in the Changi Gaol area. I think right up to the end of the captivity.

I attended one of these, held under a tree inside the gaol wall. I clearly remember the gist of the preacher's sermon, which was to the effect that so long as the Jews retained their ceremonies, so long would they remain a nation.

I attended with permission, not being a Jew, but felt that the speaker's message held a lesson for all of us. Yours faithfully,
G. C. I. RAWLINGS,
Church Cottage,
Oxfordton,
Islip, Oxford.
December 7.

Minor surgery

From Mr Dick Greenwood

Sir, The Government's White Paper on primary health care raises a number of issues, admirably summarised in your leading article of November 26. As you say, change is needed and indeed many general practitioners already work to the ideals put forward. Whether their negotiators are of a like mind remains to be seen.

There is, however, one matter about which, as a surgeon, I am concerned: the place of minor surgery in GPs' surgeries. Whilst agreeing that the latter should not be places where introductions are automatically written to expensive local hospitals, few GPs have general surgical expertise or hold higher qualifications in the field.

It is a false economy to shorten waiting lists by carrying out inappropriate procedures which may require revision in hospital at a later date — my own out-patient clinics are already clogged with recurrent ingrowing toe nails!

To the patient involved, no operation is minor. It should be performed by a surgeon in appropriate surroundings (e.g., a day-care ward). Every man to his trade. One does not get a plumber to sort out the electricity. Yours faithfully,
DICK GREENWOOD,
Glensfield General Hospital,
Grobby Road, Leicester.
December 1.

Taking it literally

From Mrs Audrey H. Harris

Sir, In the entrance hall of the day centre for the mentally handicapped where I work we have a large red cardboard pillar box for the clients' Christmas cards.

Arriving for an advanced planning meeting this week, a county councillor saw the box and returned to his car for a letter, which he posted. We retrieved the letter, complete with 18p stamp, and mailed it to an address in London.

The question arises, as a local government officer and ratepayer should I be relieved or concerned that one of our elected representatives has such a touching faith in Father Christmas? Yours faithfully,
AUDREY H. HARRIS,
Lantern House,
Shepperton Road,
Laleham,
Staines, Middlesex.
December 2.

THE GRAND ARMY.

"SCHONBRUNN, Nov. 26.

"Prince MURAT, and the corps under Marshal LANNES, came up with the Russian army yesterday at Hohenbrunn. Our cavalry charged them; but the enemy immediately abandoned the ground, leaving an hundred carriages, with their equipments. The enemy having been reinforced, and his dispositions made, an Austrian flag of truce advanced, and demanded permission for the Russian troops to separate from the Austrians, which was granted."

"Marshal NEY had orders to seize upon the Tyrol, and has acquired himself with his usual address and intrepidity. He turned the fortresses of Scharnitz and Neustadt, and carried them by force of arms. On this occasion, he made eighteen hundred prisoners, a standard, and sixteen pieces of cannon (field pieces). On the 16th of November, at five in the afternoon, he made his entry into Innsbruck, where he found an arsenal, with a respectable artillery, sixteen thousand muskets, and an immense quantity of powder. The same day he entered Hall, where he also found considerable magazines; the inventory of them is not yet arrived. The Archduke JOHN, who commanded in the Tyrol, escaped by way of Luchethal. He had ordered a Colonel to remit all the magazines to the French, and recommended to their generosity twelve hundred sick at Innsbruck. But to these glorious trophies, may be added a scene, which affected the feelings of every soldier. In the late war, the 76th regiment of the line lost two standards in the Grison; which circumstance was, for a long time, the subject of deep affliction to the whole corps. These brave fellows, conscious that Europe had not forgotten their disgrace, though their courage was unceasingly, were so fortunate as to find the subjects of their lost honour in the arsenal at Innsbruck. Happily they were recognised by an Officer. All the soldiers crowded around him; and Marshal NEY, being informed of the particulars, ordered the colours to be restored to the 76th with great ceremony. Tears fell from the eyes of all the veterans; and the Conscripts felt themselves elated in the assistance they had given in the recovery of the honours snatched from their comrades by the chances of war. The EMPEROR has ordered, that the remembrance of this affecting scene should be consecrated by a tablet. The French soldier maintains a sentiment for his colours, bordering upon tenderness; they are the object of his affections, equally with a present from his mistress."

"General KLEIN, with his division of dragoons, has made an incursion into Bohemia. He has everywhere witnessed the horror in which the Russians were viewed by the people."

"At Vienna the mere name of a Russian excites terror. These savage hordes are not content with pillage; they carry off, they destroy every thing. A wretched peasant, whose cottage contains nothing but his clothes, in them excites no pity. The opulent man residing in his palace, would hope in vain to assuage their voracity with his wealth. They would pillage him, and leave him naked under the devastated ruins. Doubtless this will be the last time that a European Government will call in such fatal succours; were it possible they could again try the experiment, an insurrection of their own people must be the certain consequence. A hundred years hence it will not be in the power of any Prince to introduce Russians into his States."

Low-tech living

Waiving the biblical injunction against graven images, and straining not to split an infinitive, *Amish - Not To Be Modern* (Channel 4) poked its nose into one of America's most insular communities. Descended from Swiss Anabaptists, the Amish are pious farmers who speak Pennsylvania Dutch and eschew all technology later than about 1880. No cars, no electricity, no television: presumably they will never see this documentary.

TELEVISION

1880. No cars, no electricity, no television: presumably they will never see this documentary.

Despite its folk-museum lyricism, the Amish life does not look to be a great deal of fun, and one was tacitly invited to sympathize with the unformed young folk stealing shy glances at the camera. When the last harvest was in, as a special treat, some of them were taken by horse-drawn buggy to the nearest Burger King. "Real good food and good service," they reported. On second thoughts, they may well be better off away from the mainstream of American culture.

An alternative perspective was offered by a renegade Amish who in youth was berated by a community elder for believing in the earth's roundness. This man has kicked against his roots by becoming a psychoanalyst in Chicago, and also - significantly - given that the Amish shave only their upper lip - by growing a moustache. Oom Paul must be turning in his grave.

Timewatch (BBC2) raked over the ashes of an all-but-forgotten controversy. Hannah Arendt's heretical comments on the trial of Adolf Eichmann lobbed a hand grenade into a whole byre of sacred cows, and the welkin rang with cries of betrayal.

There were some highly acute observations on offer here, with an historian likening the ascent of Israel to the Christian myth of resurrection, and Arendt's biographer pointing out that her subject's celebrated phrase "the banality of evil" has itself become a cliché and therefore a cover for the very mentality it sought to expose.

Martin Cropper

Big John and Little Dorrit

CINEMA

The Dead (U)
Lumière

Sitting in Limbo (15)
Metro

Big Foot and the Hendersons (PG)
Plaza

Spaceballs (PG)
Odeon Leicester Square

Bullet Proof (15)
Cannons Panton Street, Edgware Road

The Dead is John Huston's last film, released posthumously, and an exit as graceful as any man could wish. James Joyce and Dublin were major influences on Huston's creative life, from his youthful first encounter with *Ulysses*, and he regarded *The Dead* - the last piece in *Dubliners* - as "simply one of the greatest stories in the English language".

When he came to film it early this year, with a script by his son Tony, Huston was already dying, but his imaginative forces seemed only more concentrated. A documentary about the making of the film shows him acutely attentive to details of staging and performance. Most of the film was shot in a warehouse in the desert at Valencia, California; but, with its imported cast of Dublin actors, this is the most authentically Irish of films.

Perhaps Huston was the only film maker, after John Ford, who could make Joyce's own very Irish gift for mixing farce and melancholy philosophy. Despite the title (which Huston himself saw as a commercial turn-off) and the pervading concern with mortality, *The Dead* is at once wonderfully comic and wonderfully touching. It is seemingly done with the utmost simplicity, so that you cannot begin to explain why apparently inconsequential moments - an old lady recalling the genius of a long-dead tenor and the maid announcing the Christmas pudding - will suddenly take hold of your heart.

The film describes the party given at Epiphany 1904 by the musical Misses Moran - that year as every year before, an event of the Dublin season. The friends and relations



A family affair: John Huston at work on *The Dead* with his children Tony, the scriptwriter, and Anjelica, who stars

crowded into the little first-floor rooms form intricate mosaics as they dance and drink and sing and eat and reminisce and fall out over art and politics and Ireland.

Miss Kate (Helena Carroll) dispenses kindly hospitality; Miss Julia (the exquisite Cathleen Delany) does her annual turn, singing Bellini's "Arrayed for the Bride" ("Son vergine vezzosa" from *Puritani*) in a sweet uncertain quaver. Others recite or play the piano or make speeches, and Freddy Malins (Donal Donnelly) arrives plastered and keeps everyone on tenterhooks.

At the end of the evening, the ladies' favourite nephew Gabriel (Donal McCann) with his wife Gretta (Anjelica Huston) leave this happy melody of Dublin society and sentiment to return to their hotel bedroom. A sad song awakens Gretta's suppressed memories of an early tragic love; and her revelations bring home to Gabriel unexpected intimations of the tragedies of love and loss and mortality.

Huston translates Gabriel's vision to the screen as an extraordinary and extraordinarily moving final sequence. Gabriel's monologue is heard over a montage of midwinter landscapes and graveyards and snow-filled skies, vistas on eternity. The voice is as quiet as Gabriel's and Joyce's and Huston's own: "Better to pass boldly into that other world in the full glory of some passion, than to fade and

wither dimly with age." Huston indeed passed boldly, leaving behind a final indisputable masterpiece.

Sitting in Limbo is a low-budget film produced by the National Film Board of Canada and directed by a documentary director, John N. Smith. The script was evolved by the actors, black Montreal teenagers who contributed their own experiences to concoct this down-beat slice of life. The 19-year-old protagonist's good intentions of making a home for his girlfriend and child are frustrated by his own irresponsibility and the lure of hire purchase. The story is predictable and dispiriting, but made watchable by the vitality of the kids.

Bigfoot and the Hendersons, directed and co-written by William Dear, recalls a recurrent moral of American cinema, a plea for recognition and respect for other forms of terrestrial life. An ordinary American family, out for the day with their hunting rifles, come upon a giant, smelly, furry monster in the woods. The creature adopts them, turning their initial fear to paternalistic affection and regard for the creature's innocent goodness and creditable vegetarianism.

The script quickly relapses into the conventions of both domestic farce and the *King Kong* myth; but there are some enjoyable moments (Bigfoot baffled by the similarities of the Jacuzzi and the chicken stew) and amiable performances by John

Lithgow as the paterfamilias and David Suchet as the comic villain.

The trouble with parodying space movies is that they long ago parodied themselves; and Mel Brooks has few new twists in *Spaceballs*. It is saddest to see this master of comic anarchy self-consciously writing down to an imagined bra audience, with infantile gags and dumb bawdy. Occasionally there is the consolation of his stock Jewish jokes (mostly in his own role of a green dwarf called Yogurt); and some behind-the-scenes gags about film merchandizing and video piracy that are likely to go over the heads of the intended audience.

Bulletproof is a sub-Rambo action picture directed and co-scripted by Steve Carver, who convincingly boasts: "I like to blow up things." Gary Bussey plays a superannuated government agent and killer who is brought back into service to retrieve a US secret weapon called Thunderblast, hijacked in Mexico. In the process he blasts an all-purpose enemy made up of leering Libyans, nun-slaying Cubans, fiendish Russians and Latin-American lefties. The unrestrained violence and mindless xenophobia reach a point of pornography; and it is a mystery why a good actor like Bussey should be involved, or the public-spirited Richard Branson promote it through his Virgin organization.

David Robinson

Little Dorrit (U)

Curzon West End

Christine Edzard's film of *Little Dorrit* is a remarkable achievement. Unlike other recent examples of marathon screen story-telling, such as *Heimat*, it is specifically intended for the big screen, not for television. In this respect it pioneers an original form, the film-novel. Its six hours do not depend on the normal dramatic structuring of theatrical films, but work like the novel itself, compelling attention through a continuing succession of incidents and scenes and characters rather than by suspense or surprise.

The boldest part of the undertaking is to tell the story twice, in two separate but inseparable films. Part 1, *Nobody's Fault*, sees the story from the point of view of Arthur Clennam (Derek Jacobi), the middle-aged man who returns from a lifetime abroad to discover the wrongs committed by his cruel and pious mother, and the abuses and injustices of Victorian society in general. Part 2, *Little Dorrit's Story*, shows the same incidents from the viewpoint of Amy Dorrit (Sarah Pickering), born and reared in the Marshalsea debtors' prison, where she has patiently cared for and supported her genial, vain, feckless father.

Remarkably there is no sense of repetition. Even though the same incidents occur they are coloured quite differently (often literally, in the visual design) by the contrasting visions of the disillusioned Clennam and the incorrigibly loving and optimistic Amy.

The quality and texture of the film owe much to the circumstances of its making. In Christine Edzard and Richard Goodwin's own studio at Rotherhithe, an old warehouse that gives directly on to the river. The London rooftops, the old bridge, the rows of shops, the alleys and the Marshalsea prison itself are palpably painted sets; and yet, like Dickens's stage-inspired images, they have their own sort of hyper-reality. The costumes too, designed by Edzard and inspired by Hill



Little Dorrit: Sarah Pickering

and Adamson photographs, have an authenticity and a sense of belonging to the characters that is very rare in film design. *Little Dorrit* does not have the fancy-dress look of a BBC TV classic.

The great strength of the film, though, is the casting: no performance in the large cast is less than satisfactory, and some are great - Alec Guinness as Dorrit, beautifully teamed with Cyril Cusack as his vague and kindly brother; Joan Greenwood as Mrs Clennam, frail in body but demonic of will; Bill Fraser as Casby, the shrewd landlord; Max Wall as Dickens's own Jeremiah Flintwain in look ("a weird appearance of having hanged himself at one time or another") and diction.

Pruning some of the melodrama, the film brings out *Little Dorrit's* epic quality, as a vast panorama of mid-Victorian England. Nor does it overlook the parallels to our own times, in this new industrial society bedevilled by greed, passion for investment, embezzling moguls and the insolence of bureaucracy. Edzard does justice to Charles Dickens.

D.R.

RECITAL

Margaret Price
Wigmore Hall

The four Strauss encores with which Margaret Price ended her long overdue Wigmore recital showed exactly why the tickets sold out within an hour of its announcement. From "Morgen" to "Zueignung" the voice as instrument became finally liberated from the voice as idea: word and musical phrase, vocal and expressive pitch became as one.

The more sporadic her appearances in London, the higher the expectations of her hungry audiences. Self-imposed it may be, but it is an unenviable burden to bear, and one did share it a little in the first half. There were times when Price seemed in awe of her own imagined ideal.

Hilary Finch

Deft dream stuff

CONCERTS

CBSO/Rattle
Town Hall, Birmingham

Quite possibly the large-scale violin concerto would have died out by now had it not been for the commissioning efforts of Isaac Stern; at least, the predominantly repulsive quality of the works written for him suggests as much.

The Dutilleul concerto, which he introduced to this country last night, was composed in 1983-5 and takes the form of a single-movement fantasy nocturne, appropriately titled *L'arbre des songes*.

The dreams are essentially of two kinds, flowing into and out from each other in alternation: rhapsodic musings and quick dances. They also flow dangerously close to wakefulness and at one point the dream stuff comes near to

wearing through, to reveal orchestral tuning-up behind.

The moment is, like so much in this work, deftly handled: the atmosphere of just unexpected exquisiteness is skillfully maintained throughout, not only in the writing for the soloist, but also in the use of an orchestra that includes prominent parts for tuned percussion and low woodwind, with cimbalom, bass clarinet and cor anglais becoming at different points

subsidiary soloists. Properly at the centre of this performance, though, was Mr Stern, even if he did not appear always fully at ease.

Afterwards there was a *Rite of Spring* conducted by Simon Rattle with enormous gusto, using the elevated seating of the wind and percussion to show off the barbarous shrieks and howls in this score, but also phrasing the folk songs when the context was one of driving pulsation.

The slippery and coarse-textured account of Berg's *Lulu* suite (without the song) will surely be bettered when the programme is repeated at the Barbican tonight.

Paul Griffiths

Life's ups and downs

THEATRE

The See Saw Tree
Sadler's Wells Theatre

The see saw tree of David Woodard's play for children is an immovable oak which has stood in Turner's Field for three centuries. Now Jay's Supermarket wants it to make way for a children's playground. We find ourselves at a public meeting convened by the formidable parish councillor, Miss Wise, to debate the issue. The prosecution divide is ignored by sweeping entrances down the aisles and actors placed among the audience: we are made to feel at once that theatre is something immediate and involving.

After this brief prelude, the curtain rises on the tree itself, an heroically gnarled revol-



Birds of a feather: Caroline High as the Mistlethrush

ing structure (designed by Susie Caulcutt). The local citizens of the meeting have been transformed into the bird and animal denizens of this natural community. Miss Wise has become a true blue owl with just a suggestion of Mrs T, abetted by a mistlethrush (Caroline High). Mr Storer, the local council treasurer, is a fussy squirrel frantically involved in his autumn stock-take of acorns, which an unscrupulous travelling salesbird, alias Jay, is busy trying to filch.

The tension and excitement come from the threat to this

Harry Eyres

TWO PERFS Fri & Sat
Press Night Mon 14 December
BOOK NOW!
PREMIERS FROM TOMORROW

DEC 15 IN THE PRESENCE OF HRH THE PRINCESS MARGARET
COUNTRESS OF SNOWDON

the internationally Acclaimed Hit

IAN MCKELLEN ACTING SHAKESPEARE

"A brilliant actor's romance with the theatre's greatest poet"
- *Frank Rich* - *New York Times*

"Actually it's a party!"
- *Jan McElroy*

Entire proceeds go to the **LONDON LIGHTHOUSE** AIDS Hospice

Monday to Thursday 8pm Friday & Saturday 6.30pm & 9pm

Tickets £5-£14.50

The Playhouse
Northumberland Avenue, WC2

Box Office 01-839 4401

01-240 7200 01-379 4444 (CC 24hrs blg fee) 01-719 9999 (CC blg fee)

ECO/Tate
Barbican

For Jeffrey Tate and the English Chamber Orchestra, Mozart is a familiar companion. At last night's concert their performance of the G Minor Symphony K550 was typical of what we have come to expect: firm and authoritative playing, the rhythmic pulse always under control, and with horns and middle strings giving a solid inner strength to the orchestral sound.

Yet, after the interval, Tate's account of the Requiem conformed all expectations.

Richard Fairman

THE EMPEROR'S WARRIORS EXHIBITION

THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S OLD HALL, VINCENT SQUARE, LONDON SW1

14TH DECEMBER 1987-20TH FEBRUARY 1988

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 9.30AM TO 9.00PM

TUESDAYS 9.30AM TO 6.00PM WEEKENDS 10.00AM TO 9.00PM

ADULT: £4.50 CHILDREN: £3.00 FREE SPECIAL HEADSET TOUR

TIMES MAY VARY - FOR DAILY CONFIRMATION PLEASE CALL OUR PRE-RECORDED INFORMATION SERVICE 01-828 2706

BBC PO/Thomson
Free Trade Hall, Manchester

At the age of 81 Arnold Cooke continued to compose in the user-friendly way that over the years has won him many friends and admirers but relatively little critical acclaim. His new Concerto for Orchestra shows the best and the worst of his unfashionable style. The best is that every note is carefully considered and easily heard; textures are invariably clear and well-balanced, and everything is idiomatically conceived for the instruments.

The worst is that the simplicity of the phrase structure and rhythmic style tends to pall over a half-hour stretch. Regular four-bar patterns, loosely connected and assembled with a predictability that would embarrass the most popular-minded 19th-century composer, are hardly the stuff of extended orchestral rhetoric for the 1980s. The somewhat loose playing under a surprisingly desultory Bryden Thomson was perhaps all part of an attempt to free these patterns into something more eloquent.

Elgar's Cello Concerto perhaps suffered from following this work. Raphael Wallfisch played with beautiful discipline and an invariably sweet, rounded tone, but the work as a whole hung fire, and the concert did not actually take off until a lithe and vital performance of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony brought it to a close.

David Fallows

"TOUR DE FORCE WITH TURGENEV"
Sunday Express

FATHERS AND SONS

premieres of a new play by Brian Cope after the novel by Ivan Turgenev

"A PLAY FOR TODAY" Guardian

Lyttelton: TOMORROW, MON, TUE at 7.45. SAT 2.15 & 7.45

NATIONAL THEATRE
BOX OFFICE 01-928 2252

Sanderson
Christmas Gift Fayre

31st October 1987 - 24th December 1987

Visit our Showrooms for original ideas for your Christmas presents. Choose from a wide range of exciting and unusual gifts.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our customers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Sanderson, 52 Berners Street, London W1

Oxford Circus or Tottenham Court Road Tube Stations. Monday-Friday 9.30am-5.30pm. Saturday 9.00am-5.30pm

01-240 7200

BOOKS

Don of magic and religion

Peter Ackroyd reviews the armchair scholar who found the priest who slew the slayer and shall himself be slain

If you can imagine some strange hybrid of Claude Lévi-Strauss, Carlos Castaneda and Edward Gibbon, you may get some idea of the importance of J.G. Frazer to his contemporaries; he was one of the great systematic thinkers of the 19th century, to rank alongside Karl Marx and Herbert Spencer, and yet he is now an almost forgotten figure. As an anthropologist and historian of religion he helped to create what his biographer calls "the modern spirit" — even though to many people this will mean no more than the fact that his great work, *The Golden Bough*, was deployed by T.S. Eliot in *The Waste Land* (a few others will realize that his *Totemism and Exogamy* inspired Freud's *Totem und Tabu*). And yet, as Ackerman asserts in the first sentence of this fascinating book, "Frazer is an embarrassment." It is not hard to see why: he was neither a Marxist nor a proto-structuralist, and his comparative method would no more endear him to the followers of intellectual fashion than his wonderful literary style would recommend him to contemporary specialists who, since they remain unread, make a virtue of being unreadable.

There are other problems involved in writing his life, however, since, as Ackerman suggests, "All he did was read and write, and he never went anywhere wilder than Greece, so he had no adventures." He was an armchair anthropologist, in other words, but what an armchair it turned out to be. Here was a Victorian scholar (he was born in 1854 but lived until 1941) who decided single-handedly to elucidate the mysteries of "primitive" belief — our more sensitive age requires the quotation marks — while at the same time managing to undermine the foundations of Christianity itself.

He was always a bookish and retiring man (hence his interest in savagery, no doubt) and his life at Cambridge was so uneventful that a sudden move to the University of Liverpool ranks in his biography as a seismic event. His first aspirations were towards philosophy, but he had little aptitude for analysis, and it was as a classical scholar that he first embarked upon a career of prolonged study. Ackerman describes Frazer's life as a "monument to sublimation", in the sense that he directed all of his energies into his writing, and certainly he liked to do things on a grand scale: his first enterprise, a commentary upon Pausanias, ran to an unequalled six volumes, and thus equaled that history of modest origins followed by riotous growth which

was to mark all of his subsequent publications. It was, in fact his preparation of Pausanias that led directly to his great and always expanding work, *The Golden Bough*.

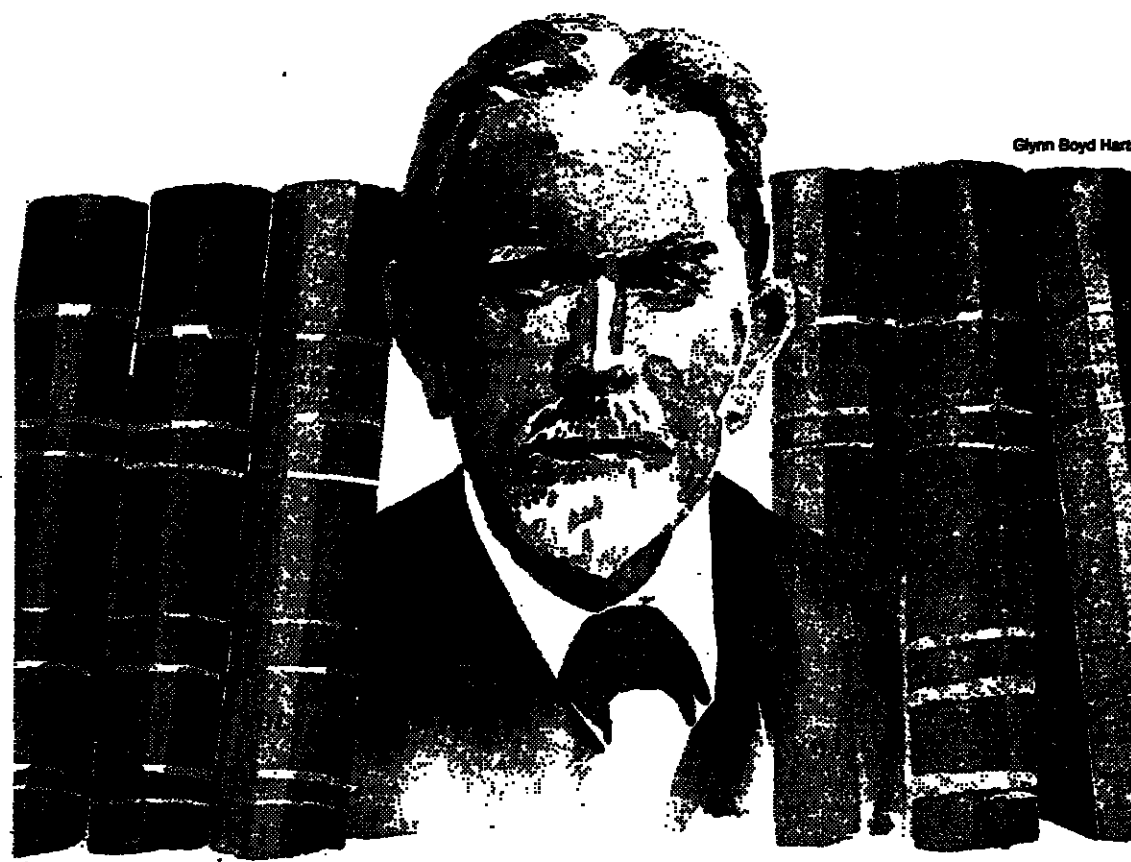
This monumental study sprang from an inquiry into the killing of the priest who guarded the ancient grove of Nem, and from these picturesque origins Frazer goes on to elaborate that theory of ritual slaying, of death and rebirth, of totemic communion, which was to have so profound an effect upon his

J.G. FRAZER
His Life and Works
By Robert Ackerman
Cambridge, £35

contemporaries. His most astounding hypothesis was that of sacred regicide when, according to the theory, the king is killed to ensure that the land continues to flourish; the evidence for this has always been disputed, although in the first decade of the 20th century some

anthropologists apparently found relics of the custom in Africa. On the assumption that nature follows art, however, it is possible that the tribes changed their behaviour after *The Golden Bough* was published.

In schematic terms Frazer continued to insist that he was simply charting the progress from magic to religion, and then to science; but what Ackerman calls his "epistemological idealism" was always being overtaken by the vivid spectacle of primitive life which he saw before him and which, towards



Glyn Boyd Harris

Malvinas yomping

Falklands: The Secret Plot, by three Argentinian journalists, went into 17 editions in their own country. It appears in English in an appalling translation. No British propaganda could be more damning to the reputation of Galtieri and his colleagues.

Galtieri is described as a mediocre officer of little brain, fuelled by whisky and messianic aspirations, "uncivilized, rudimentary". Throughout the conflict strategy was distorted by the empire-building rivalry between Galtieri and the ambitious chiefs of the Argentinian navy and air force. The junta did not believe Britain would make more than a symbolic military response, and had no plan of what to do with the Falklands once they had taken them.

Galtieri counted on America backing him up, because Reagan relied on Argentinian support for US interventions in Central America. Dismissingly, Reagan's friendship with Mrs Thatcher proved more pressing. If Britain were humiliated, Mrs Thatcher might fall, and Reagan would lose an essential ally. But

Victoria Glendinning

FALKLANDS: THE SECRET PLOT
By Cardoso, Kirschbaum & van der Kooy
Preston, £7.50

THE LAND THAT LOST ITS HEROES
By Jimmy Burns
Bloomsbury, £5.95

Reagan did not want to alienate permanently so useful a client-state as Argentina; the US administration was a little thrown by Thatcher's lack of enthusiasm for any of the competing diplomatic solutions put forward by Haig, Kirkpatrick, and the Peruvians.

The authors have some interesting points to make about the rhetoric elicited by the conflict — the terms "our boys" and "paramount", annexed for the duration by Thatcher, and the Third World oratory adopted by Galtieri — completely at variance with his usual "Western and Christian" postures —

when he was driven to seek help from Cuba. Jimmy Burns in *The Land That Lost Its Heroes* calls the three journalists' book "easily the best-researched and least biased account of the diplomatic and military aspects of the war to be written by Argentinians".

Burns's own well-written book provides more historical background, and continues the story into Alfonsín's regime. He has a very low opinion of British intelligence and diplomacy in the lead-up to the invasion. He details, as the others do not, the extraordinary Libyan connection. Even though he was helping Galtieri's enemies in Central America, Galtieri provided arms for the Argentinians. Thatcher knew it, but made no fuss because of our own profitable trade links, including arms contracts, with Libya — though she did persuade France not to sell Exocets to Libya, which could have been sold on to Argentina. But all this may explain why she was so ready to co-operate with Reagan over the bombing of Tripoli. None of the national leaders comes out of these hideous events smelling of roses.

For my money the best of this season's books about gardens is John Brookes's *Paradise Gardens* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20), a survey of great Islamic gardens. He realizes that in order to appreciate gardens of a particular period or region, one must proceed via an understanding of what was in the mind of their creators. John Brookes traces the history of the evolution of the gardens of this remarkable empire, showing how the common roots in the beliefs and philosophy of Islam were moulded and modified in response to different local situations; pointing out the links, for example, between Moorish Spain and Mogul India. His wide experience as a landscape designer, in addition to an obvious familiarity with the philosophy of Islam, enables him to analyse clearly the different elements in the design of such gardens which evoke the subtle response of the viewer. Although he brings his study up to the present day, with practical notes on designing gardens in the Middle East, it might have been interesting to know whether there is any evidence that immigrants from Islamic countries continue to take their traditions with them — to Britain for example — or whether such processes occurred only when they came as conquerors.

A passionate garden visitor who had no hesitation in voicing his opinions on the efforts of others, John Claudius Loudon believed it was the particular duty of a critic to criticize in order to instruct. In *Search of English Gardens*, edited by Priscilla Balfour (Lennard Publishing, £14.95), is a selection from his articles

Looking at other people's gardens is a popular pastime, but one that needs waiting. It is far too easy to end up — like the poor child in front of the sweetshop window — dreaming after the unattainable, believing that all that is best was done before you were born, by someone very much richer than you are ever likely to be. Analysis, not adulation, is what is required.

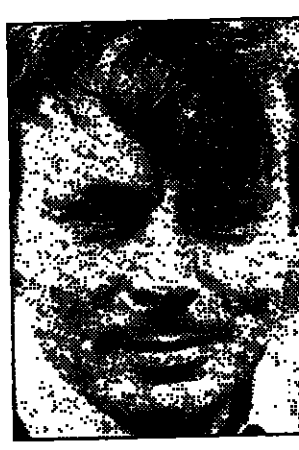
A good example of the "great garden" type of book is *The Country House Garden* — a Grand Tour, by Gervase Jackson-Stops and James Phipps (Pavilion/National Trust, £17.95). The team that produced the book of the *Treasure Houses of Britain* exhibition that so delighted Washington a couple of years back have turned their attention now to the gardens and grounds that surround them. Concentrating particularly on the more permanent elements of garden composition, the avenues, temples, lakes, and greenhouses, their development and importance in the overall design is considered, particularly in relation to contemporary developments inside the house.

For my money the best of this season's books about gardens is John Brookes's *Paradise Gardens* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20), a survey of great Islamic gardens. He realizes that in order to appreciate gardens of a particular period or region, one must proceed via an understanding of what was in the mind of their creators. John Brookes traces the history of the evolution of the gardens of this remarkable empire, showing how the common roots in the beliefs and philosophy of Islam were moulded and modified in response to different local situations; pointing out the links, for example, between Moorish Spain and Mogul India. His wide experience as a landscape designer, in addition to an obvious familiarity with the philosophy of Islam, enables him to analyse clearly the different elements in the design of such gardens which evoke the subtle response of the viewer. Although he brings his study up to the present day, with practical notes on designing gardens in the Middle East, it might have been interesting to know whether there is any evidence that immigrants from Islamic countries continue to take their traditions with them — to Britain for example — or whether such processes occurred only when they came as conquerors.

A passionate garden visitor who had no hesitation in voicing his opinions on the efforts of others, John Claudius Loudon believed it was the particular duty of a critic to criticize in order to instruct. In *Search of English Gardens*, edited by Priscilla Balfour (Lennard Publishing, £14.95), is a selection from his articles

Books for Christmas

Ruth Stungo picks the garden books of the season



James Compton, of Chelsea Physic Garden: "Eat this."

in the *Gardeners Magazine*, reporting on his travels with his wife throughout Britain. It reads like a guide to good taste for the period. Not only is it a detailed record of what was going on in the gardening world at the time, but it is also a book that is interesting to read in its own right. He is particularly impressed by order and improvement, and unexpectedly funny, as when on a visit to a famous nursery he wishes for more order and neatness and "no weeds ever suffered to grow above an inch high". There is considerable evidence of a genuine concern for the welfare of garden labourers; and he was always quick to praise and reward evidence of effort, usually with a volume of his own works. This is a good introduction to the lives of this remarkable pair, and the colour pictures give a haunting impression of the ideal they were trying to achieve.

Those who have experienced the pleasure of talking about plants to James Compton, Head Gardener of the Chelsea Physic Garden, recognize and appreciate a rare talent. His book *Search of English Gardens* (Collins, £12.95) offers a selection of plants he believes should be better known. Walking round with him meeting an unknown plant for the first time, you are likely to be told to crush and smell it — even on one occasion to eat the flowers — and will discover where it came from and how it got its name, as well as how and where to grow it. It is all here.

Years of experience and a good eye for a well-designed plant have contributed to an instructive and attractive book, illustrated with good colour pictures of all the species described.

Surely you have to be slightly mad, as all great gardeners probably are, to want to create a large-scale life-size garden in your back garden. A host of other unlikely topiary subjects are illustrated in *Creating Topiary*, by Geraldine Lacey (Garden Art Press, £14.95), an entirely captivating source book, history, and instruction manual of this absurd craft. I would not have believed it, but I did take my secateurs with me when next I went into the garden, and now perhaps I too, in 20 years' time or so...

Finally, before the last of autumn fades, forget the garden and walk in the country with *The Complete Book of British Berries* (Threshold Books, £19.95). Better still consult it when you return, since it is much too good for rucksack or pocket. In it David Lang, an amateur naturalist, describes all the berry-bearing plants, edible and poisonous, found growing wild in Britain. There are beautiful photographs of all the plants, and good diagrams to aid identification. Particular attention is paid to poisonous species, including interesting information on the active ingredients and how symptoms should be recognized and treated. Since it is arranged "botanically" it may take time at first finding a particular plant — but what fun you'll have looking.

Was he our Coleridge?

POETRY

Robert Nye

SELECTED POEMS
By Harry Fainlight
Turret Books, £12.50

Of an old-fashioned paraffin stove, a magic Cathedral window glows on the ceiling.

What I value most about this poet is a quality of purity and innocence which would be uncommon in any age, but is almost unheard of in ours, especially when linked to complete poetic skills.

Presences: New and Selected Poems, by P.J. Kavanagh (Chato & Windus, £4.95) strikes me as also very fine in several ways that will not instantly recommend it to the present day. Kavanagh writes an unpretentious, descriptively discursive, plain man's poetry. At worst, his informal lyricism is rather snooty with adjectives; at best, honest, personal, and direct, these poems are better specimens of the Georgian virtues than most of the Georgians managed to achieve:

God, grant good manners and sobriety
To one who fears that he may sit all day
Your gift to him made useless, with the knock
Reproachful behind one eye
Ball of last night's whisky.
Nor splendour nor forgiveness
Does he ask —
These words he asks in darkness
Before daybreak —
Only, sober, to be as he is full
Gloss in hand,
Passably kind to people he
Cannot stand.

The range of perception here, as elsewhere, is narrow, but there is sufficient felicity of observation and statement to make the result seem worthwhile, as well as an unusual congruent attention to form and to truthfulness.

Harry Fainlight was a rare spirit who may just possibly have been the Coleridge of our age. Like Coleridge, his life seemed ruined by addiction; but, his principal addiction being to poetry, his life is by no means ruined. I knew him only slightly but admired his work and tried to get a volume of it into print back in the late Sixties. This venture ended in disaster with Fainlight threatening to shoot the publisher if he went ahead. Being unpublished was of some importance to him.

After a difficult existence on the margins of a world that had no time for such lyricism, he died young some five years ago at the remote cottage in Wales where he had made a home for himself alone. Now his sister Ruth has collected together a great deal of the stuff he left in manuscript with the result that we have what was unimaginable during his lifetime, Harry Fainlight's *Selected Poems*.

For all the disorder of his life, Harry Fainlight's verse is precise and fastidious. He had supreme lyric gifts, and he wrote with rare dense and complex feeling than most of his contemporaries. If the bulk of his work is fragmentary it is because visions and statements of this degree of intensity cannot be long drawn out. A characteristic mode is the transcendence of the sordid by a single stroke of pure poetic perception:

In bed with the stranger who
had picked him up,
He lies awake in the dark;
How calmly happy he is
feeling.
Thrown by the pattern of holes
in the top

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:
A Book of Learned Nonsense, edited by Peter Haining (W.H. Allen, £9.95) Anthology of literatures, sketches, and writings to celebrate the centenary of Lear's death next year.
A Path of Hope, by Lech Walesa (Collins Harvill, £12) Autobiography of the young electrician who climbed the railings of a shipyard at Gdansk, and found himself in charge of the wave of Solidarity that has changed the Soviet empire.
Archbishop William Laud, by Charles Carlton (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £25) The Archbishop who lost his head.
Emile Zola, by Alan Schom (Macdonald, £14.95).
Edwardian Portraits, by Kenneth McConkey (Antique Collectors' Club, £19.95) Images of the Age of Vulgarism.
Greek and the Greeks, by K.J. Dover (Blackwell, £22.50) Some scripts *minors* over 40 years by one of the world's most distinguished classicists, on everything from Greek word order to morality and what made Agamemnon tread on red: distinguished by rigorous scholarship and a majestic mind.
Horace Walpole: The Critical Heritage, edited by Peter Sabor (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £25) Selected writings by the copious, lively, stylish, quaint, romantic, frivolous letter-writer and gossip, pioneer of the Gothic novel and neo-Gothic architecture.
The Literary Guide to the Bible, edited by Robert Alter and Frank Kermode (Collins, £20) Prime source of western literature.
The Rational Foundations of Ethics, by T.L.S. Sprigge (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £25) Can moral judgements be true or false, in the sense that a true proposition describes things as they really are? Utilitarian plus metaphysical idealism.

TLS

The Times Literary Supplement

OFFER TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS

"This substantial and attractive book should be warmly welcomed. A. R. Maxwell-Bishop's translation of *The Dictionary of Classical Mythology* by Pierre Grimal, originally published in French in 1961, is a work of once authoritative and complete. Anyone who has ever lost his way in the complex genealogies of the Greek gods and heroes will value the forty genealogical tables; scholars will appreciate the superbly detailed references to the ancient sources for each entry, as well as the helpful (and modernized) table of sources, in which can be taken to list the editions which are most easily accessible for English readers (especially and relevantly, the Loeb Classical Library), and there is a full index.... The black-and-white illustrations are copious and pertinent."

A. H. C. Leach TLS 9th August 1986

THE DICTIONARY OF CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGY

FREE

Take out an annual subscription to the TLS and we will send you 60 issues plus a copy of *The Dictionary of Classical Mythology* published by Blackwell (worth £22.50) free. Simply complete the coupon below and send it with your remittance to the address shown.

*Annual subscription rates: UK £36; Europe (incl. Eire) £72; USA & Canada US\$98; Rest of World (Surface Mail) \$136; (Air Mail) £92.

Please send me a year's subscription to *The Times Literary Supplement* plus my free copy of *The Dictionary of Classical Mythology*.

Name

Address

Postcode/Zip Code

a) I enclose my cheque for \$/US£ made payable to The Times Supplement.

b) Please charge my credit card \$/US£ Date

Signed Expiry date

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Please send this coupon together with your payment to: Linda Barlett, The Times Literary Supplement, Priory House, St. John's Lane, London EC4M 4BX, England. Offer is open to new subscribers only and closes on December 31 1987. Please note that delivery outside the UK can take up to 28 days.

The pen is mightier than a pair of socks.

DILLONS
THE BOOKSTORE

No holes, we trust, in the Dillons catalogue. Our 52 specialist departments add up to over five miles of books. This year, give presents that happily find a home on the shelf, not in a bin.

Europe's finest bookstore is at 82 Gower St, London WC1. Tel: 01-636 1577. Also in Broad Street, Oxford and Wheeler Gate, Nottingham. A Pentos Company.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Davalle
and Jane Rackham

BBC1

- 6.00 **Casualty**. AM.
6.30 **Edgar Kennedy** in Kennedy's Castle (by). 6.55 **Weather**.
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30. Regional news and travel at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15. **Weather** at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 **Open Air**. Eamonn Holmes invites viewers to challenge the programme makers. Ring 061 514 0424 to participate. 8.55 **Regional News and Weather**.
9.00 **News** and weather, followed by **Neighbours** (1).
9.30 **Karey**. Today's studio discussion is entitled *Self-discovery or self-deception?*
10.00 **News** and weather followed by *Going for Gold* (1).
10.25 **Children's BBC**. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by *Play School* (1) and *Wipe the Wasp* (1).
10.55 **Five to Eleven** with Gary Watson.
11.00 **News** and weather, followed by *Daytime Live* with Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers. Fay Weldon reviews the latest periodicals.
12.55 **Regional News and Weather**.
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. **Weather**.
1.30 **Neighbours**. There is a funeral in Ramsay Street, and Debra uses her feminine wiles on Paul.
1.50 **Going for Gold**. European quiz game with Henry Kelly.
2.15 **Film: The Foreman Went to France** (1942). Tony Trinder stars as the chivalrous aircraft factory foreman determined to retrieve his firm's special-purpose machinery from France despite Nazi occupation. With Clifford Evans and Constance Cummings. Directed by Charles French.
3.35 **Cartoon Double**. *Cartoon Joke* and *The Jet Set* (1). 4.00 **The Chuckleheads** (1). 4.05

BBC2

- 9.00 **Casualty**.
1.20 **Berlin** (1). 1.35 **Pioneers of Photography** (1).
2.00 **News** and weather, followed by *World Bowls*. David Icke introduces live coverage of the Midland Bank World Indoor Pairs Championship from Bournemouth. Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 3.30.
4.00 **It's My Pleasure**. Maura Stuart shares her memories of favourite television moments with Desmond Lynam.
4.30 **World Bowls**. Further coverage.
5.30 **Vintage Floyd**. Gastronomic Keith Floyd visits County Cork to sample tripe, pigs' trotters, seaweed, oysters and champagne (1).
6.00 **Bestseller Galaxies**. Science fiction adventures starring Lorne Greene and Fred Astaire.
6.50 **Cover to Cover**. A.N. Wilson and guests discuss recently published books including Simon Schama's *The Embarrassment of Riches*, a history of the Dutch Golden Age.
7.20 **Thinking Aloud**. Discussing whether Zionism has become its

own worst enemy as Israeli writer and historian Amos Elon, politician and historian Conon Cruise O'Brien, Palestinian writer and critic Edward Said, and journalist Michael Mann discuss the Middle East.
8.00 **World Bowls**. Last match of the quarterfinals from Bournemouth. Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 3.30.
8.30 **Call My Bluff**. Arthur Marshall, James Robinson and Mike Read battle it out with Frank Mulvey, Jane Glover and Spike Milligan.
9.00 **Yes, Prime Minister**. When his predecessor's memoirs present him in a bad light, Jim Hacker is faced with a problem: can he refuse permission to publish using the excuse of a security risk? Starring Paul Eddington and Nigel Hawthorne (Cesarex).
9.30 **The Case of Sherlock Holmes** (see Choice) (Cesarex).
10.40 **Party Political Broadcast** by the Labour Party.
10.45 **Newsnight** with Peter Snow, Donald MacConnick and Adam Raphael.
11.30 **World Bowls**. Further coverage of the last quarterfinal, including the result. Ends 12.15.

ITV/LONDON

- 6.00 **TV-am**. News and weather on the hour and half-hour, interspersed with cartoons and family entertainment. 6.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond includes coverage of the US summit. 6.00 **After Nine** presented by Jayne Irving.
9.25 **Thames News Headlines**.
9.30 **Runway**. Travel and tactics quiz. 10.00 **Santa Barbara**. Californian soap. 10.25 **ITN News Headlines**.
10.30 **The Time ... The Place**. Mike Scott chairs a studio discussion about a topical subject.
11.10 **Puddle**. A cartoon.
11.25 **Thames News Headlines**.
11.30 **Look Good, Feel Great** when you go on holiday. How safe is it to sunbathe? What do you really look like in a swimsuit? The Sunbathers' Australian family drama serial.
12.30 **ITN News** including live coverage of the Gorbachev-Pelegen summit from July, Cornwall in Washington.
12.55 **Thames News**.
1.00 **Falcon Crest**. Drama serial starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch of a California wine dynasty.
1.55 **Home Cookery Club**. Baked gammon with Cumberland sauce.
2.00 **News**.
2.30 **All Our Yesterdays**. Bernard Braden recalls 1962 with archive footage and newsreels.
3.00 **ITV News**.
3.05 **ITV News**.
3.10 **ITV News**.
3.15 **ITV News**.
3.20 **ITV News**.
3.25 **ITV News**.
3.30 **ITV News**.
3.35 **ITV News**.
3.40 **ITV News**.
3.45 **ITV News**.
3.50 **ITV News**.
3.55 **ITV News**.
4.00 **ITV News**.
4.05 **ITV News**.
4.10 **ITV News**.
4.15 **ITV News**.
4.20 **ITV News**.
4.25 **ITV News**.
4.30 **ITV News**.
4.35 **ITV News**.
4.40 **ITV News**.
4.45 **ITV News**.
4.50 **ITV News**.
4.55 **ITV News**.
5.00 **ITV News**.
5.05 **ITV News**.
5.10 **ITV News**.
5.15 **ITV News**.
5.20 **ITV News**.
5.25 **ITV News**.
5.30 **ITV News**.
5.35 **ITV News**.
5.40 **ITV News**.
5.45 **ITV News**.
5.50 **ITV News**.
5.55 **ITV News**.
6.00 **ITV News**.
6.05 **ITV News**.
6.10 **ITV News**.
6.15 **ITV News**.
6.20 **ITV News**.
6.25 **ITV News**.
6.30 **ITV News**.
6.35 **ITV News**.
6.40 **ITV News**.
6.45 **ITV News**.
6.50 **ITV News**.
6.55 **ITV News**.
7.00 **ITV News**.
7.05 **ITV News**.
7.10 **ITV News**.
7.15 **ITV News**.
7.20 **ITV News**.
7.25 **ITV News**.
7.30 **ITV News**.
7.35 **ITV News**.
7.40 **ITV News**.
7.45 **ITV News**.
7.50 **ITV News**.
7.55 **ITV News**.
8.00 **ITV News**.
8.05 **ITV News**.
8.10 **ITV News**.
8.15 **ITV News**.
8.20 **ITV News**.
8.25 **ITV News**.
8.30 **ITV News**.
8.35 **ITV News**.
8.40 **ITV News**.
8.45 **ITV News**.
8.50 **ITV News**.
8.55 **ITV News**.
9.00 **ITV News**.
9.05 **ITV News**.
9.10 **ITV News**.
9.15 **ITV News**.
9.20 **ITV News**.
9.25 **ITV News**.
9.30 **ITV News**.
9.35 **ITV News**.
9.40 **ITV News**.
9.45 **ITV News**.
9.50 **ITV News**.
9.55 **ITV News**.
10.00 **ITV News**.
10.05 **ITV News**.
10.10 **ITV News**.
10.15 **ITV News**.
10.20 **ITV News**.
10.25 **ITV News**.
10.30 **ITV News**.
10.35 **ITV News**.
10.40 **ITV News**.
10.45 **ITV News**.
10.50 **ITV News**.
10.55 **ITV News**.
11.00 **ITV News**.
11.05 **ITV News**.
11.10 **ITV News**.
11.15 **ITV News**.
11.20 **ITV News**.
11.25 **ITV News**.
11.30 **ITV News**.
11.35 **ITV News**.
11.40 **ITV News**.
11.45 **ITV News**.
11.50 **ITV News**.
11.55 **ITV News**.
12.00 **ITV News**.
12.05 **ITV News**.
12.10 **ITV News**.
12.15 **ITV News**.
12.20 **ITV News**.
12.25 **ITV News**.
12.30 **ITV News**.
12.35 **ITV News**.
12.40 **ITV News**.
12.45 **ITV News**.
12.50 **ITV News**.
12.55 **ITV News**.
13.00 **ITV News**.
13.05 **ITV News**.
13.10 **ITV News**.
13.15 **ITV News**.
13.20 **ITV News**.
13.25 **ITV News**.
13.30 **ITV News**.
13.35 **ITV News**.
13.40 **ITV News**.
13.45 **ITV News**.
13.50 **ITV News**.
13.55 **ITV News**.
14.00 **ITV News**.
14.05 **ITV News**.
14.10 **ITV News**.
14.15 **ITV News**.
14.20 **ITV News**.
14.25 **ITV News**.
14.30 **ITV News**.
14.35 **ITV News**.
14.40 **ITV News**.
14.45 **ITV News**.
14.50 **ITV News**.
14.55 **ITV News**.
15.00 **ITV News**.
15.05 **ITV News**.
15.10 **ITV News**.
15.15 **ITV News**.
15.20 **ITV News**.
15.25 **ITV News**.
15.30 **ITV News**.
15.35 **ITV News**.
15.40 **ITV News**.
15.45 **ITV News**.
15.50 **ITV News**.
15.55 **ITV News**.
16.00 **ITV News**.
16.05 **ITV News**.
16.10 **ITV News**.
16.15 **ITV News**.
16.20 **ITV News**.
16.25 **ITV News**.
16.30 **ITV News**.
16.35 **ITV News**.
16.40 **ITV News**.
16.45 **ITV News**.
16.50 **ITV News**.
16.55 **ITV News**.
17.00 **ITV News**.
17.05 **ITV News**.
17.10 **ITV News**.
17.15 **ITV News**.
17.20 **ITV News**.
17.25 **ITV News**.
17.30 **ITV News**.
17.35 **ITV News**.
17.40 **ITV News**.
17.45 **ITV News**.
17.50 **ITV News**.
17.55 **ITV News**.
18.00 **ITV News**.
18.05 **ITV News**.
18.10 **ITV News**.
18.15 **ITV News**.
18.20 **ITV News**.
18.25 **ITV News**.
18.30 **ITV News**.
18.35 **ITV News**.
18.40 **ITV News**.
18.45 **ITV News**.
18.50 **ITV News**.
18.55 **ITV News**.
19.00 **ITV News**.
19.05 **ITV News**.
19.10 **ITV News**.
19.15 **ITV News**.
19.20 **ITV News**.
19.25 **ITV News**.
19.30 **ITV News**.
19.35 **ITV News**.
19.40 **ITV News**.
19.45 **ITV News**.
19.50 **ITV News**.
19.55 **ITV News**.
20.00 **ITV News**.
20.05 **ITV News**.
20.10 **ITV News**.
20.15 **ITV News**.
20.20 **ITV News**.
20.25 **ITV News**.
20.30 **ITV News**.
20.35 **ITV News**.
20.40 **ITV News**.
20.45 **ITV News**.
20.50 **ITV News**.
20.55 **ITV News**.
21.00 **ITV News**.
21.05 **ITV News**.
21.10 **ITV News**.
21.15 **ITV News**.
21.20 **ITV News**.
21.25 **ITV News**.
21.30 **ITV News**.
21.35 **ITV News**.
21.40 **ITV News**.
21.45 **ITV News**.
21.50 **ITV News**.
21.55 **ITV News**.
22.00 **ITV News**.
22.05 **ITV News**.
22.10 **ITV News**.
22.15 **ITV News**.
22.20 **ITV News**.
22.25 **ITV News**.
22.30 **ITV News**.
22.35 **ITV News**.
22.40 **ITV News**.
22.45 **ITV News**.
22.50 **ITV News**.
22.55 **ITV News**.
23.00 **ITV News**.
23.05 **ITV News**.
23.10 **ITV News**.
23.15 **ITV News**.
23.20 **ITV News**.
23.25 **ITV News**.
23.30 **ITV News**.
23.35 **ITV News**.
23.40 **ITV News**.
23.45 **ITV News**.
23.50 **ITV News**.
23.55 **ITV News**.
24.00 **ITV News**.
24.05 **ITV News**.
24.10 **ITV News**.
24.15 **ITV News**.
24.20 **ITV News**.
24.25 **ITV News**.
24.30 **ITV News**.
24.35 **ITV News**.
24.40 **ITV News**.
24.45 **ITV News**.
24.50 **ITV News**.
24.55 **ITV News**.
25.00 **ITV News**.
25.05 **ITV News**.
25.10 **ITV News**.
25.15 **ITV News**.
25.20 **ITV News**.
25.25 **ITV News**.
25.30 **ITV News**.
25.35 **ITV News**.
25.40 **ITV News**.
25.45 **ITV News**.
25.50 **ITV News**.
25.55 **ITV News**.
26.00 **ITV News**.
26.05 **ITV News**.
26.10 **ITV News**.
26.15 **ITV News**.
26.20 **ITV News**.
26.25 **ITV News**.
26.30 **ITV News**.
26.35 **ITV News**.
26.40 **ITV News**.
26.45 **ITV News**.
26.50 **ITV News**.
26.55 **ITV News**.
27.00 **ITV News**.
27.05 **ITV News**.
27.10 **ITV News**.
27.15 **ITV News**.
27.20 **ITV News**.
27.25 **ITV News**.
27.30 **ITV News**.
27.35 **ITV News**.
27.40 **ITV News**.
27.45 **ITV News**.
27.50 **ITV News**.
27.55 **ITV News**.
28.00 **ITV News**.
28.05 **ITV News**.
28.10 **ITV News**.
28.15 **ITV News**.
28.20 **ITV News**.
28.25 **ITV News**.
28.30 **ITV News**.
28.35 **ITV News**.
28.40 **ITV News**.
28.45 **ITV News**.
28.50 **ITV News**.
28.55 **ITV News**.
29.00 **ITV News**.
29.05 **ITV News**.
29.10 **ITV News**.
29.15 **ITV News**.
29.20 **ITV News**.
29.25 **ITV News**.
29.30 **ITV News**.
29.35 **ITV News**.
29.40 **ITV News**.
29.45 **ITV News**.
29.50 **ITV News**.
29.55 **ITV News**.
30.00 **ITV News**.
30.05 **ITV News**.
30.10 **ITV News**.
30.15 **ITV News**.
30.20 **ITV News**.
30.25 **ITV News**.
30.30 **ITV News**.
30.35 **ITV News**.
30.40 **ITV News**.
30.45 **ITV News**.
30.50 **ITV News**.
30.55 **ITV News**.
31.00 **ITV News**.
31.05 **ITV News**.
31.10 **ITV News**.
31.15 **ITV News**.
31.20 **ITV News**.
31.25 **ITV News**.
31.30 **ITV News**.
31.35 **ITV News**.
31.40 **ITV News**.
31.45 **ITV News**.
31.50 **ITV News**.
31.55 **ITV News**.
32.00 **ITV News**.
32.05 **ITV News**.
32.10 **ITV News**.
32.15 **ITV News**.
32.20 **ITV News**.
32.25 **ITV News**.
32.30 **ITV News**.
32.35 **ITV News**.
32.40 **ITV News**.
32.45 **ITV News**.
32.50 **ITV News**.
32.55 **ITV News**.
33.00 **ITV News**.
33.05 **ITV News**.
33.10 **ITV News**.
33.15 **ITV News**.
33.20 **ITV News**.
33.25 **ITV News**.
33.30 **ITV News**.
33.35 **ITV News**.
33.40 **ITV News**.
33.45 **ITV News**.
33.50 **ITV News**.
33.55 **ITV News**.
34.00 **ITV News**.
34.05 **ITV News**.
34.10 **ITV News**.
34.15 **ITV News**.
34.20 **ITV News**.
34.25 **ITV News**.
34.30 **ITV News**.
34.35 **ITV News**.
34.40 **ITV News**.
34.45 **ITV News**.
34.50 **ITV News**.
34.55 **ITV News**.
35.00 **ITV News**.
35.05 **ITV News**.
35.10 **ITV News**.
35.15 **ITV News**.
35.20 **ITV News**.
35.25 **ITV News**.
35.30 **ITV News**.
35.35 **ITV News**.
35.40 **ITV News**.
35.45 **ITV News**.
35.50 **ITV News**.
35.55 **ITV News**.
36.00 **ITV News**.
36.05 **ITV News**.
36.10 **ITV News**.
36.15 **ITV News**.
36.20 **ITV News**.
36.25 **ITV News**.
36.30 **ITV News**.
36.35 **ITV News**.
36.40 **ITV News**.
36.45 **ITV News**.
36.50 **ITV News**.
36.55 **ITV News**.
37.00 **ITV News**.
37.05 **ITV News**.
37.10 **ITV News**.
37.15 **ITV News**.
37.20 **ITV News**.
37.25 **ITV News**.
37.30 **ITV News**.
37.35 **ITV News**.
37.40 **ITV News**.
37.45 **ITV News**.
37.50 **ITV News**.
37.55 **ITV News**.
38.00 **ITV News**.
38.05 **ITV News**.
38.10 **ITV News**.
38.15 **ITV News**.
38.20 **ITV News**.
38.25 **ITV News**.
38.30 **ITV News**.
38.35 **ITV News**.
38.40 **ITV News**.
38.45 **ITV News**.
38.50 **ITV News**.
38.55 **ITV News**.
39.00 **ITV News**.
39.05 **ITV News**.
39.10 **ITV News**.
39.15 **ITV News**.
39.20 **ITV News**.
39.25 **ITV News**.
39.30 **ITV News**.
39.35 **ITV News**.
39.40 **ITV News**.
39.45 **ITV News**.
39.50 **ITV News**.
39.55 **ITV News**.
40.00 **ITV News**.
40.05 **ITV News**.
40.10 **ITV News**.
40.15 **ITV News**.
40.20 **ITV News**.
40.25 **ITV News**.
40.30 **ITV News**.
40.35 **ITV News**.
40.40 **ITV News**.
40.45 **ITV News**.
40.50 **ITV News**.
40.55 **ITV News**.
41.00 **ITV News**.
41.05 **ITV News**.
41.10 **ITV News**.
41.15 **ITV News**.
41.20 **ITV News**.
41.25 **ITV News**.
41.30 **ITV News**.
41.35 **ITV News**.
41.40 **ITV News**.
41.45 **ITV News**.
41.50 **ITV News**.
41.55 **ITV News**.
42.00 **ITV News**.
42.05 **ITV News**.
42.10 **ITV News**.
42.15 **ITV News**.
42.20 **ITV News**.
42.25 **ITV News**.
42.30 **ITV News**.
42.35 **ITV News**.
42.40 **ITV News**.
42.45 **ITV News**.
42.50 **ITV News**.
42.55 **ITV News**.
43.00 **ITV News**.
43.05 **ITV News**.
43.10 **ITV News**.
43.15 **ITV News**.
43.20 **ITV News**.
43.25 **ITV News**.
43.30 **ITV News**.
43.35 **ITV News**.
43.40 **ITV News**.
43.45 **ITV News**.
43.50 **ITV News**.
43.55 **ITV News**.
44.00 **ITV News**.
44.05 **ITV News**.
44.10 **ITV News**.
44.15 **ITV News**.
44.20 **ITV News**.
44.25 **ITV News**.
44.30 **ITV News**.
44.35 **ITV News**.
44.40 **ITV News**.
44.45 **ITV News**.
44.50 **ITV News**.
44.55 **ITV News**.
45.00 **ITV News**.
45.05 **ITV News**.
45.10 **ITV News**.
45.15 **ITV News**.
45.20 **ITV News**.
45.25 **ITV News**.
45.30 **ITV News**.
45.35 **ITV News**.
45.40 **ITV News**.
45.45 **ITV News**.
45.50 **ITV News**.
45.55 **ITV News**.
46.00 **ITV News**.
46.05 **ITV News**.
46.10 **ITV News**.
46.15 **ITV News**.
46.20 **ITV News**.
46.25 **ITV News**.
46.30 **ITV News**.
46.35 **ITV News**.
46.40 **ITV News**.
46.45 **ITV News**.
46.50 **ITV News**.
46.55 **ITV News**.
47.00 **ITV News**.
47.05 **ITV News**.
47.10 **ITV News**.
47.15 **ITV News**.
47.20 **ITV News**.
47.25 **ITV News**.
47.30 **ITV News**.
47.35 **ITV News**.
47.40 **ITV News**.
47.45 **ITV News**.
47.50 **ITV News**.
47.55 **ITV News**.
48.00 **ITV News**.
48.05 **ITV News**.
48.10 **ITV News**.
48.15 **ITV News**.
48.20 **ITV News**.
48.25 **ITV News**.
48.30 **ITV News**.
48.35 **ITV News**.
48.40 **ITV News**.
48.45 **ITV News**.
48.50 **ITV News**.
48.55 **ITV News**.
49.00 **ITV News**.
49.05 **ITV News**.
49.10 **ITV News**.
49.15 **ITV News**.
49.20 **ITV News**.
49.25 **ITV News**.
49.30 **ITV News**.
49.35 **ITV News**.
49.40 **ITV News**.
49.45 **ITV News**.
49.50 **ITV News**.
49.55 **ITV News**.
50.00 **ITV News**.
50.05 **ITV News**.
50.10 **ITV News**.
50.15 **ITV News**.
50.20 **ITV News**.
50.25 **ITV News**.
50.30 **ITV News**.
50.35 **ITV News**.
50.40 **ITV News**.
50.45 **ITV News**.
50.50 **ITV News**.
50.55 **ITV News**.
51.00 **ITV News**.
51.05 **ITV News**.
51.10 **ITV News**.
51.15 **ITV News**.
51.20 **ITV News**.
51.25 **ITV News**.
51.30 **ITV News**.
51.35 **ITV News**.
51.40 **ITV News**.
51.45 **ITV News**.
51.50 **ITV News**.
51.55 **ITV News**.
52.00 **ITV News**.
52.05 **ITV News**.
52.10 **ITV News**.
52.15 **ITV News**.
52.20 **ITV News**.
52.25 **ITV News**.
52.30 **ITV News**.
52.35 **ITV News**.
52.40 **ITV News**.
52.45 **ITV News**.
52.50 **ITV News**.
52.55 **ITV News**.
53.00 **ITV News**.
53.05 **ITV News**.
53.10 **ITV News**.
53.15 **ITV News**.
53.20 **ITV News**.
53.25 **ITV News**.
53.30 **ITV News**.
53.35 **ITV News**.
53.40 **ITV News**.
53.45 **ITV News**.
53.50 **ITV News**

Churchmen to face hard questions on Runcie issue

By David Cross

The two senior Church of England officials who allowed the anonymous attack on the Archbishop of Canterbury will come under strong pressure to defend their action at a key policy meeting today.

Mr Derek Pattinson, secretary general of the General Synod, and Mr James Shelley, secretary of the Church Commissioners, have admitted that they invited Dr Gareth Bennett, the Oxford theologian who was found dead in his car at his home on Monday, to write the preface to the latest edition of *Crockford's Clerical Directory*.

According to senior Church sources, the two men will be asked to explain why they did not foresee the furore which the personal attacks on Dr Robert Runcie provoked among church leaders. "If they read the article carefully, why did the alarm bells not ring?" one senior churchman asked yesterday.

The other key question will face at a meeting of the influential synod policy sub-committee at Addington Palace, in Croydon, south London, is how many other people were consulted before the unsigned article appeared in print. The churchman asked: "Were they the only two people involved and if not why did they not take account of any critical observations which they must have received?"

Several of the sub-committee's dozen or so members do not expect any demands for the immediate

resignation of Mr Pattinson or Mr Shelley, in spite of the strong feeling among some of Dr Runcie's supporters that those directly responsible for commissioning the article should go.

"If they are guilty, the honourable thing for them to do would be to offer their resignations at the outset", one leading churchman who has played a key role in the controversy, said yesterday.

The inquiry into the *Crockford's* affair will be chaired by Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York, who will take over from Dr Runcie during discussion of the issue. A statement is expected tonight on the outcome of the discussions.

Dr Bennett was a member of the sub-committee and told Dr Runcie on November 23, several days before the publication of the preface, that he would not be attending the talks "because of pressure of work at Oxford".

A spokesman for Dr Habgood believed that was quite genuine. "I do not think he had any idea of the outcry the preface would cause."

The spokesman also emphasized that the decision by Dr Habgood to chair today's inquiry was decided only late on Tuesday afternoon. Since Dr Bennett died before the investigation was fixed and was not attending the meeting anyway, fear of facing hostile questioning could not have affected his mind if he committed suicide, it was said.

Crockford author hinted at suicide

Continued from page 1

ifying as well as a meeting planned for today when he was to attend the General Synod's policy sub-committee, which was expected to focus on the dispute involving the *Crockford's* directory.

Matters were made worse by members of the high church who, because of Dr Bennett's reputation for being tough and witty, were lobbying him to ask for the author to be named.

Father Ursell defended Dr Bennett's stance over the authorship. "I believe he was quite right in this. The fulfilling of a contract to remain anonymous is not the telling of an untruth. It has to be that way, even when you are directly challenged, as all who hear confessions know well."

He added that press interest in Dr Runcie was "naively" misunderstood by Dr Bennett. "The issue of the comments about Dr Runcie was eagerly taken up by the press to the exclusion of all else. In that sense he was probably naive in his assessment of the ways of the popular press."

"But the criticism is a tiny

part of the whole preface, and it is balanced by warm and encouraging praise."

Mr Cowan also defended Dr Bennett for denying he was the author. "I can completely understand it. It is a reflection of his absolute integrity as an honourable man. He accepted that the article should be anonymous and he adhered to that."

The aside during the stroll in Cambridge was the only hint of suicide he had given to one of his very small group of most trusted friends.

Father Ursell said: "The personal allegations were what hurt him."

Yesterday, Mr Nicholas Gardiner, the Oxford coroner, opened and then adjourned for four weeks an inquest into the death of Dr Bennett.

Although Dr Runcie had not taken a final decision last night, he was not expected to attend Dr Bennett's funeral at New College Chapel, Oxford, next Tuesday. He was understood to feel that it would be inappropriate for him to be there in the light of all the furore which has followed the publication of the preface.

Ancient treasure in new towns



Mr Roger Bland with a coin of AD 249 from Stevenage, and (below) the coin, of the Danubian usurper Pacatian of Moesia.

By John Young

Two separate finds of silver coins from the time of the Roman occupation occupied coroners' courts yesterday.

By coincidence, both the finds were on the outskirts of twentieth-century new towns: at Stevenage in Hertfordshire, and at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

A jury in Letchworth, Hertfordshire, was convened to decide whether more than 2,500 coins discovered by archaeologists in October on a housing site east of Stevenage could be deemed treasure trove.

Dr John Dines, the coroner, cited a ruling of 1981, that for silver coins to be deemed treasure trove they should contain at least 50 per cent silver.

Mr Roger Bland, Curator of Roman Coins at the British Museum, accepted that only between 6 and 7 per cent of the coins met that requirement, but argued

that the collection should be looked on as a treasure.

The jury decided that 835 coins should be classed as treasure trove, and that the rest should go to the developers who had reached agreement with the Hertfordshire Archaeological Trust for their display in local museums. A total of 2,759 coins, dated between 193 and 263 AD were eventually recovered.

The Milton Keynes discovery was made by two prospectors aged 16, who unearthed 629 coins, using a metal detector near the village of Little Brickhill.

The coins were said to contain between 80 and 92 per cent silver, and Dr Ian Callard, also of the British Museum, quoted from graffiti in the city of Pompeii indicating that each would pay for a night with a prostitute.

The jury found that they constituted



treasure trove. The teenagers, Mr Tom Holden and Mr Paul Nash, are expected to receive a percentage of the value, thought to be several thousand pounds. (Photographs: Graham Wood)

Tories voice poll tax fears

Continued from page 1

Department of the Environment should have found it exceptionally difficult to convince the public that the new community charge actually fulfils the Conservative manifesto pledge that it will be fairer than the rates."

The MPs said that the community charge would be more difficult to collect because of the growing mobility of the population. In London alone treasurers would have to recruit 2,000 extra staff to deal with new administrative burdens, while collection problems would add five to 10 per cent to official estimates for charges, and extra staff would be

needed to deal with appeals against new assessments, the MPs say.

Casting doubt on the accountability argument the MPs stated that the introduction of the national business rate would mean the proportion of local government income controlled by Whitehall would rise from under 50 per cent to nearly 75 per cent. As it was planned that any change in the income received from Whitehall would generally be limited to inflation any extra expenditure, like an extra sum to be spent on teachers and firemen, would have to come from the community charge.

The MPs stated that there was still time for second

thoughts and radical amendment. "But if the proposed community charge is forced through in its present form it will do great damage to the Conservative Party and local government."

According to estimates produced by the Government virtually all the constituencies represented by the 10 One Nation MPs would be likely to benefit from the community charge, with payments per adult lower than under the rates.

Other MPs likely to join the revolt over the flat-rate charge will be Mr Edward Heath, the former prime minister, and Mr John Biffen, the former Commons leader.

Zia ready to save Tests

Continued from page 1

General Sardar Butt, chairman of the Pakistan board, to try to break the deadlock. Almost unanimously cricket condemned the action of Gattling in his finger-wagging argument with Shakoor that climaxed weeks of bitterness with the England camp believing that Pakistan umpires were biased against them. Gattling had claimed that their were nine dubious decisions among the 20 England wickets that fell in the first Test.

Ted Dexter, a former England captain, told *The Times* that he thought the row "was entirely our fault". He said: "I would give Pakistan every assurance that we would play

according to the laws. Cricket cannot be played unless everything the umpire says and does is accepted."

In the incident on Monday, Gattling claimed the umpire accused him of cheating for asking a fielder to move while the bowler was about to deliver, and Shakoor insisted that Gattling had called him a cheat.

Yesterday Shakoor remained in the pavilion while Gattling led his team on to the field for the scheduled start of the third day's play. He said he would not officiate until Gattling apologised in writing.

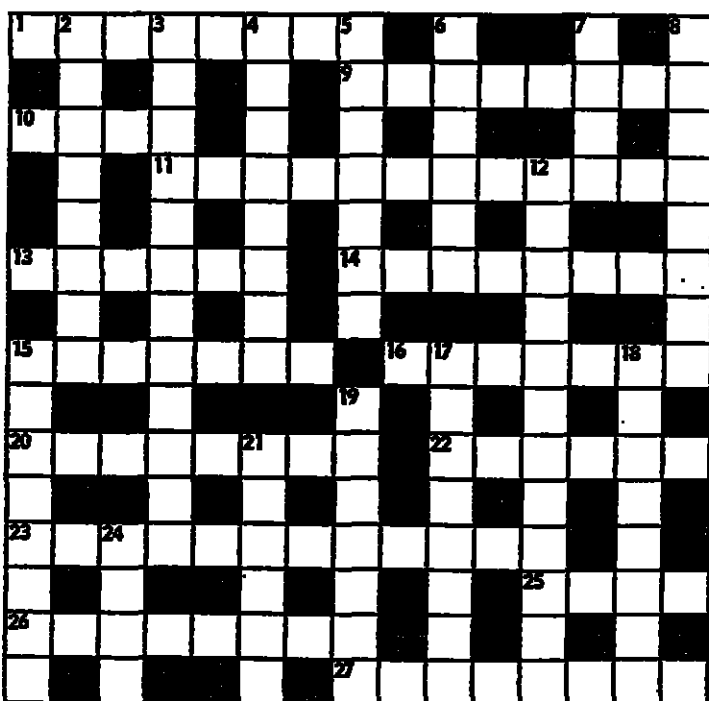
Lush said: "Whatever anyone may say to the contrary, I'm convinced that the umpire

used the word 'cheat' to the England captain. There were several other players close to the incident who assured me that it was the word used."

● Diplomatic worry: Concern mounted yesterday that Britain's wider relations with Pakistan could be harmed by the shambles of England's cricket tour (Andrew McEwen writes).

In a region where cricket is seen as an instrument of diplomacy, the refusal of Mike Gattling, England's captain, to apologise in writing for the finger-wagging row with the umpire on Monday could have consequences far more serious than the cancellation of the tour.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE No 17,536



- ACROSS**
- Incisive, like a performer in the theatre (8).
 - Mark is different at first, but shows the same warmth (8).
 - He's left out of the game (4).
 - Officer gives two additional awards to a Miss Undershaft (5,7).
 - Haggle for a penny change (6).
 - One of Charles I's exorcutors? (8).
 - Delicacy not generally appreciated in *Hamlet* (7).
 - Shakespearean recruit with hat awry (7).
 - The key to fire-lighting (8).
 - Ticking-off starts after black mark for getting drunk (6).
 - Ironing costume for dinner? (7,5).
 - State publicity for alcohol (4).
 - The personal letters of a capitalist (8).
 - Sounds as if police car on the crossing has an electrical device (8).
- DOWN**
- Final demands from the soldiers of Thule (8).
 - Example that's romantic set by Euclid perhaps (12).
 - He deceives by trick on peer (8).
 - The books balance - put a line underneath (7).
 - Slam the board game (6).
 - Antitoxins are written up under direction (4).
 - Man met in resort is staying inside (8).
 - Uncouth fellow rarely seen with his peer group (12).
 - Head off geriatric breaking the rules (8).
 - A pill before the operation on the slab (5,3).
 - Pesticide replaces Arab with nets (8).
 - Put on a film - and charge for it! (7).
 - Greek princess with northern boy (6).
 - Poem reproduced in *Marius the Epicurean* (4).

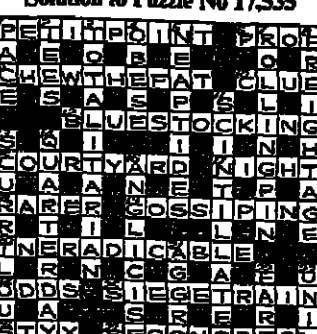
WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

- TURDINE**
a. Excretory
b. Mechanical rotor
c. Thrushlike
- SATYAGRAHA**
a. Puritan pilas
b. A Buddhist sect
c. Gandhian passive resistance
- TINNENT**
a. Clanking
b. Yagant
c. A diatonic
- BIOLOGUE**
a. A c. r.
b. A radio programme
c. A dialogue between three or more

Answers on page 22, column 8

Solution to Puzzle No 17,535



WEATHER

Dry, with some sunshine. Overnight fog slow to clear some places and will re-form during the evening. Rather more cold in northern and eastern Scotland and east coast counties of England. In the far south-west thickening cloud cover may produce a little rain late in the day. Sharp frost in some areas; temperatures broadly similar to yesterday. Outlook: Warmer weather pushing slowly from the south-west, some rain and sleet. Northern areas remaining cold with frost and fog.

ABROAD

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Alexandria	14-17	SE 10	100
Algiers	12-18	SE 10	100
Amman	12-18	SE 10	100
Baghdad	12-18	SE 10	100
Bombay	24-28	SE 10	100
Buenos Aires	12-18	SE 10	100
Cairo	12-18	SE 10	100
Colon	12-18	SE 10	100
Hong Kong	12-18	SE 10	100
London	12-18	SE 10	100
Lyons	12-18	SE 10	100
Madrid	12-18	SE 10	100
Moscow	12-18	SE 10	100
New York	12-18	SE 10	100
Paris	12-18	SE 10	100
Rome	12-18	SE 10	100
Shanghai	12-18	SE 10	100
Singapore	12-18	SE 10	100
Tokyo	12-18	SE 10	100
Yokohama	12-18	SE 10	100

AROUND BRITAIN

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud
London	12-18	SE 10	100
Manchester	12-18	SE 10	100
Edinburgh	12-18	SE 10	100
Belfast	12-18	SE 10	100
Cardiff	12-18	SE 10	100
Exeter	12-18	SE 10	100
Glasgow	12-18	SE 10	100
Leeds	12-18	SE 10	100
Liverpool	12-18	SE 10	100
Nottingham	12-18	SE 10	100
Oxford	12-18	SE 10	100
Sheffield	12-18	SE 10	100
Southampton	12-18	SE 10	100
Stoke	12-18	SE 10	100
Wolverhampton	12-18	SE 10	100

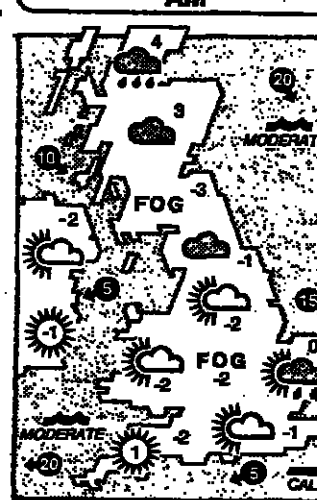
HIGH TIDES

Location	Time	Height
London	12:15	4.5
Manchester	12:15	4.5
Edinburgh	12:15	4.5
Belfast	12:15	4.5
Cardiff	12:15	4.5
Exeter	12:15	4.5
Glasgow	12:15	4.5
Leeds	12:15	4.5
Liverpool	12:15	4.5
Nottingham	12:15	4.5
Oxford	12:15	4.5
Sheffield	12:15	4.5
Southampton	12:15	4.5
Stoke	12:15	4.5
Wolverhampton	12:15	4.5

THE POUND

Country	Rate
Australia	1.50
Canada	1.25
France	1.10
Germany	1.00
Italy	1.00
Japan	1.00
Netherlands	1.00
Portugal	1.00
Spain	1.00
Sweden	1.00
Switzerland	1.00
USA	1.00
Yugoslavia	1.00

AM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp max 6 am to 6 pm, 14°C (57°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10°C (50°F). Rain: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.4 in. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1004.4 mbars, 29.5 in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.22 pm to 7.25 am
Bristol 4.22 pm to 7.25 am
Edinburgh 4.09 pm to 8.05 am
Manchester 4.20 pm to 7.44 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 7.41 am

PM



MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp max 6 am to 6 pm, 14°C (57°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10°C (50°F). Rain: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.4 in. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1004.4 mbars, 29.5 in.

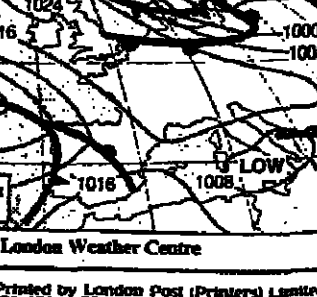
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Lowest day temp: 14°C (57°F); 10°C (50°F). Highest night temp: 10°C (50°F); 6°C (43°F). Lowest night temp: 6°C (43°F); 2°C (36°F). Wind: 12-18 mph. Rain: 2.4 in. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1004.4 mbars, 29.5 in.

YESTERDAY

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud
London	12-18	SE 10	100
Manchester	12-18	SE 10	100
Edinburgh	12-18	SE 10	100
Belfast	12-18	SE 10	100
Cardiff	12-18	SE 10	100
Exeter	12-18	SE 10	100
Glasgow	12-18	SE 10	100
Leeds	12-18	SE 10	100
Liverpool	12-18	SE 10	100
Nottingham	12-18	SE 10	100
Oxford	12-18	SE 10	100
Sheffield	12-18	SE 10	100
Southampton	12-18	SE 10	100
Stoke	12-18	SE 10	100
Wolverhampton	12-18	SE 10	100

NOON TODAY



Information supplied by London Weather Centre

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1297.6 (+2.7)
FT-SE 100
1639.3 (+14.9)
Bargains
21136 (23382)
USM (Datastream)
129.3 (+1.87)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8040 (+0.0085)
W German mark
2.9973 (+0.0018)
Trade-weighted
75.8 (+0.1)

Northern
scotches
rumours

Speculation that Hanson plans to take over Northern Foods, Marmite and Spicers' largest supplier, was scotched yesterday when Mr Christopher Haskins, Northern's chairman, denied Hanson owned shares in the group either now or in the past.

This statement, and dull half-time figures, down 7 per cent at £34.5 million, knocked 9p off the shares to 242p, giving a two-day fall of 8 per cent. Turnover fell from £730.5 million to £505.2 million. An unchanged interim dividend of 4.25p was declared.

The disposal of Northern's US businesses last December was blamed for the poor results. Proceeds were unable to make up for lost profits.

Temps, page 26

Alexander rise

Walter Alexander, the Scottish coach builder which gained a Stock Exchange listing in September, reports interim pretax profits of £2.49 million (£2 million) for the six months ended September 30. The interim dividend rises from 1.5p to 1.8p a share.

Charter ahead

Charter Consolidated, announced pretax profits of £26.1 million for the six months ended September 30, compared with £17.9 million. The interim dividend rises by 0.25p to 4.25p a share.

Temps, page 26

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	1891.41 (+23.04)
Tokyo	Nikkei Average	2285.70 (+22.64)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	1984.36 (+1.14)
Australia	ASX 200	1029.10 (+1.10)
Sydney	ASX 200	1029.10 (+1.10)
Frankfurt	Frankfurt	1311.00 (+14.1)
London	General	3592.9 (+38.5)
	FT-100	1639.3 (+14.9)
	FT-100	1639.3 (+14.9)
	FT-100	1639.3 (+14.9)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES	4285p (+18p)
Standard Chart	4625p (+28p)
Avon Rubber	5525p (+45p)
Sevens	1485p (+15p)
Unilever	4105p (+25p)
TVE	285p (+20p)
GRE	7725p (+10p)
Imperial Adm.	550p (+5p)
Carrs Milling	185p (+8p)
LASMO	250p (+13p)
UEI	310p (+12p)
Miles Focus	2775p (+11p)
Britol	2775p (+11p)
Body Shop	555p (+10p)
Pentac	105p (+10p)

FALLS

Grady Shipping	575p (-75p)
BICC	314p (-20p)
J Jarvis	800p (-5p)
Parish	375p (-5p)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base: 8 1/4%
3-month interbank 8 1/4-8 1/2%
3-month eligible bills 8 1/4-8 1/2%
US Prime Rate 8 1/4%
Federal Funds 6 1/4-6 1/2%
3-month Treasury Bill 5.82-5.80%
30-year bonds 9 1/4-9 1/2%

CURRENCIES

London	New York
£ \$1.8040	\$ £0.5541
£ DM2.9973	DM £0.3336
£ FF110.1547	FF £0.0090
£ Yen238.48	Yen £0.0042
£ Index75.8	Index 95.2
ECU 90.68944	SDR 10.757820

GOLD

London Fixing	AM \$485.30 pm \$484.20
Gold \$483.50-484.00 (\$268.00-268.50)	
New York	
Comex \$484.10-484.50	

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan.) pm \$17.85bbl (\$17.95)
Dated latest trading price

See Remains 26 Wall Street 28
Co News 26 Commodities 38
Stock Market 26 Foreign Exch 38
Temps 26 Money Mkts 38
City Diary 27 USM Prices 38
Traded Opts 28 Share Prices 31

Scots rebel over Britoil

Commons call to block BP offer

By John Bell and Robin Oakley

A full-scale political row erupted yesterday over BP's plans to take a 29.9 per cent stake in Britoil, which, after the acrimonious takeover of Distillers by Guinness, is Scotland's largest independent company. There was anger among Scottish MPs, local authority leaders and the financial community over a suspicion that the Government may be preparing to waive its powers to block a takeover of Britoil and allow BP to gain control.

Scottish Labour MP's yesterday urged the Government to step in and use its "golden share" to block any attempt by BP to take over Britoil, the former British National Oil Corporation privatized in 1982.

Mr John Smith, the Shadow Chancellor, last night said that there was no public interest in concentrating British North Sea oil interests in BP, especially when foreign shareholders such as Kuwait were acquiring such a large interest in BP.

Mr Smith said: "I hope that there is no doubt that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will use the Government's golden share to block any BP attempt to take over Britoil."

The whole purpose of the golden share was to protect a company such as Britoil from the sort of takeover signalled by BP's dawn raid.

Mr Smith gave a warning that if Britoil were to be absorbed by BP, "yet another corporate headquarters will disappear from Scotland and a further unnecessary act of centralization to London will have been permitted."

Earlier, during Scottish Questions in the Commons, Mr Bruce Millan, a former Secretary of State for Scotland, asked, in view of the "fiasco" over Guinness and Distillers, for an assurance that the same thing would not happen over Britoil.

In reply, Mr Ian Lang, the Minister of State at the Scottish Office, stonewalled, saying that he was "not aware that BP had made a takeover of Britoil."

A senior Scottish banker said last night: "The smell of the Guinness affair still lingers up here. Ministers have been visiting Scotland in the past few weeks and effectively telling us to stop moaning and join the enterprise culture. Now we suspect they are going to sell another major company, an important employer in Glasgow, down the river."

Councillor Charles Gray, the leader of Strathclyde Regional Council, said yesterday: "The Secretary of State should be insisting that levers available to the Government in this situation [which include a golden share in BP, and the potential award of the gas-gathering line contract] are used to encourage any potential bidders to demonstrate their commitment to the expanding oil industry HQ operations in Glasgow."

Treasury sources pointed out that no decisions have been taken over the future of the golden share, which does not become effective until there is an attempt to acquire 50 per cent of Britoil. BP is maintaining that its investment in Britoil as a long-term investment.

But there is little doubt in the City that a 30 per cent portfolio investment makes little sense. The logic of Tuesday's dawn raid and the tender offer at £3 a share is powerful only as a prelude to a bid which gives BP cheap access to North Sea oil.



Winning smile: Jennifer Rosenberg, winner of the Business Woman of the Year award, attending yesterday's conference

Still tougher at the top for women

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Women in business still have a tougher time getting to the top, a conference in London organized by the Institute of Directors was told yesterday.

Fewer than 3 per cent of company directors are women, and the top hundred companies have produced only nine women directors, seven of them non-executive.

Against that backdrop of "discrimination", more than 80 women directors attended the conference. Among them was Ms Jennifer Rosenberg, managing director of J&J Fashions, who heads a company employing more than

2,000 people. She was named winner of this year's Business Woman of the Year award, sponsored by Veve Clicquot.

The conference was told by Mrs Judith Chaplin, head of the institute's policy unit, that it was foolish not to accept that a woman's ability to hold on to a top job was still being questioned.

"We are all aware of how insulting it can be as the statutory woman on a board or on a committee, seen to be there not because of our ability but because of our sex. It can even be counter-productive to single out women

directors, women managers or women in business," she said.

The conference featured advice on how to run a successful business, given by specialist speakers. They covered topics such as how to avoid unwanted overtures when a business becomes ripe for takeover, what to look for in a good business marriage if one becomes inevitable, and the soundest ways of borrowing money and controlling the purse strings.

Mrs Jean Denton, conference chairman and deputy chairman of the Black Coun-

try Development Corporation, said that many women found the culture of large corporations entirely foreign, but women's instincts would give them a great advantage. They could also benefit from changes in society.

For the most part the advice could equally have been aimed at male company directors, with the exception perhaps of a warning from one financial director, who boasted a £1,000 suit and a chateau in France, and who advised: "If you're going to burst into tears make sure you get to the loo first."

UK firms set for Tokyo

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Four British securities firms are among 22 companies about to be given a seat on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, according to a report from Tokyo yesterday.

Subsidiaries of Baring Brothers, County NatWest, Kleinwort Greaveson and J Henry Schroder Wagg are to receive the coveted seats, said *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, the Japanese newspaper.

The British firms confirmed they had been given unofficial indications of the decision, but said they had not been told officially that their applications had been successful, or even that a final decision had been made. An announcement is expected before Christmas.

Among the other applicants said to have been successful are six US stockbroking firms,

two Swiss, two West German and one French.

The US firms include Salomon Brothers, Prudential Bache, Smith Barney, Shearson Lehman Brothers, Credit Suisse First Boston and Kidder, Peabody. The European firms are UBS-Phillips & Drew, Swiss Bank, Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Bank, and W. Carr, owned by Banque Indosuez.

Most of the other seats would go to Japanese firms, although some had not yet been allocated. James Capel was competing for one of these seats, the report said.

The list suggests that several British and other foreign firms that made later applications may be denied a seat on the exchange. These included Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

Granting seats on the TSE became a delicate issue earlier this year when it became linked to the question of equal access to financial markets by international financial service companies. Western governments argued that while Japanese firms were allowed to join their markets, foreign firms were barred from Japanese markets.

The TSE had originally insisted it could not appoint more members because of a lack of office space in the Stock Exchange building in Tokyo. But after international pressure, the exchange agreed to accept a limited number of new members, including a proportion of foreign firms.

Many overseas companies regard a seat on the Tokyo Exchange as a crucial step

Asda says 'no sale' for Allied

By Cliff Feltham

Asda-MFI, the supermarket group, has scrapped plans to sell Allied Carpets. It had hoped to raise about £125 million from the chain of 86 stores but was caught by the stock market crash.

Mr David Donne, chairman, said yesterday: "We received a lot of interest but prices were cut after Black Monday to the point where we decided it would be unrealistic to go ahead. So we now intend to keep the business."

Asda's bottom line was thought to be about £100 million but some were understood to be as low as £70 million. Among the prospective buyers was Sir Philip Harris's Harris Queensway chain, which offered nearly £100 million. There was also a firm offer from the management of the carpets chain.

The decision is a blow to the group's plans to become a pure food retailing operation. In July, it announced plans to sell the Allied carpets business along with the MFI furniture chain and the Associated Fresh Foods dairy business. About £600 million has been raised from the sale of MFI and AFF.

Last year Allied Carpets made £9.6 million of £192 million total group profits.

Iran stands alone on oil price

From David Young, Vienna

Iran is now isolated in its demand that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) should change its agreement on prices and production and set a higher market price to compensate for falling dollar earnings.

Libya and Algeria, its traditional Opec allies, are believed to have fallen into line with Arab Gulf requests to leave the present \$18 a barrel price intact and to concentrate on finding ways of improving market share next year.

The majority view is that under present market conditions, with many large industrial user nations sitting on large oil stockpiles, it would be unrealistic to set a higher price. Instead, work should be

done to ensure the present price becomes firm, with no discounting and no overproduction from Opec.

Mr Gholamreza Aghazadeh, the Iranian oil minister, said he would refuse to sign any agreement that did not meet his country's demands.

He said that if Iran ever left Opec its price for returning may be a production quota of four million barrels a day, against its present ability to produce a maximum of about 3.2 million barrels a day.

However, as Iran is a member of the Opec long-term strategy committee, which has drawn up suggestions for the full ministerial meeting now in progress, it is unlikely to leave the cartel, but may be

allowed to operate for the time being outside the present quota system as Iraq has done.

Opec has also diverted its traditional attack on Britain to the oil companies operating in the North Sea - particularly ironic for Kuwait which is now an important holder of North Sea assets through its BP stake and thus in Britain.

Opec has consistently attacked Britain for not co-operating and introducing North Sea output controls.

Dr Riiwanu Lukman, the Nigerian oil minister and Opec president, said: "The support we have received from other oil producers has been fragmented despite the fact that many of them have capitalized on our successes."

United Scientific climbs

By Michael Tate

A strong recovery in the US has more than tripled profits at United Scientific Holdings, the defence equipment group. Pretax profits for the year to end-September climbed to £11.12 million against £3.22 million, despite a near-standstill in group turnover at £120.2 million against £117.9 million. Earnings have jumped from 0.7p a share to 14.4p a share and a final dividend of 4.2p lifts the total to 6.6p for the year, against 6p last year.

Profits are still below the £15 million made in 1983, but analysts predict that the group will establish a record in the current year.

Temps, page 26

Eurotunnel could open at discount

By Joe Joseph

Shares in Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French consortium which is building the Channel tunnel, are expected to open at a discount of at least 10 per cent on the 35p issue price when dealings in the shares begin this morning.

The discount largely reflects the underpricing of both the British and French tranches of last month's £770 million share offering.

Dealers say the nature of Eurotunnel's business, and the fact that most investors are presumed to have bought the shares as a long-term investment, have made it difficult to predict opening trading levels.

Yesterday afternoon, the nine brokers who have so far said they will make a market

in Eurotunnel's shares suggested a wide price range for early dealings. The general feeling is that the shares will open below 32p, but that there is unlikely to be enough strong selling to push values below 30p.

One leading market-maker predicted an early low of 30p to 31p, to test the market.

"The discount largely reflects the absence of share perks for those who buy in the after-market, the removal of the share warrants, and any slack left in underwriters' hands. But I don't see much panic out there. After Black Monday, the underwriters had plenty of opportunity to turn it down. Most people went into it with their eyes open."

Holmes & Court says more assets will be sold Bailing out the Bell flagship

From Richard Rattley, Sydney

Mr Robert Holmes & Court yesterday made his first appearance since Black Monday, admitting that Bell Group, his flagship, was over-exposed, and adding that more assets would be sold.

But the almost 30 per cent holding in BHP, Australia's biggest company, by Bell Resources, an associate company, was not mentioned.

"I have deliberately avoided concentrating on the speculation about BHP," he said. "I am a director of both Bell and BHP and feel that I am limited in what I can say." But there was no intention, he said, to acquire an "Australian listed company in the short term."

Analysts interpreted this as ruling out a Bell bid for BHP. Most had already discounted this possibility, noting that the beleaguered group did not have the resources for such a takeover.

Mr Holmes & Court, without qualification, said Bell Group had been "too exposed to the world stock market," but added, "we moved quickly to take corrective action."

The confession of Australia's richest man before the crash was made to a meeting of more than 1,400 fellow participants of the "once-mighty company" whose market value has been cut by 80 per cent in the past six weeks.

"We found ourselves in the eye of a cyclone and we believed the most respon-

sible and correct action to take was the action we took. We had too many indirect assets - a lot of money tied up in very fine companies but we didn't have the cash flow. No one can forecast (the market) and we could not leave the company exposed. Therefore, we took hard decisions to dispose of major indirect investments and incur a loss. I hope we will be given credit as time goes by for taking the medicine."

Bell Group and associate companies have realized Aus\$1.4 billion (£534 million) since the crash and Mr Holmes & Court said not only would more assets be sold but that he planned to abandon the purchase of Macquarie Broadcasting, Australia's most successful AM radio network, and to seek a partner for the Australian Financial Review, its sole financial daily newspaper.

"We have had some discussions and we are prepared to take a partner in the Financial Review if we can find one in the business of publishing," he said.

Mr Holmes & Court had agreed to buy both from Mr Warwick Fairfax, who this week succeeded in deflating John Fairfax Ltd, the Sydney media group.

Bell intended to sell more investment assets but - with the exception of TVW Enterprises, its West Australian television arm - all operating businesses "would remain in-house."

It must dispose of TVW because it acquired the *West Australian*, Perth's principal newspaper, in the carve-up earlier this year of Herald and Weekly Times Ltd, the country's then biggest newspaper group. To keep both, Bell would be breaching recently introduced cross-media ownership laws.

Mr Holmes & Court emphasized to shareholders in Perth that the group's bankers had not requested the realization of any assets. All were voluntarily sold and none was an "operating business."

Directors were now reviewing the structure of the group to determine the "safest, strongest" arrangement for the future. But one thing would not change, he said - its "entrepreneurial spirit."

"I use that word (entrepreneurial) in its best sense," he said. "This company will remain flexible, virile... I am committed, my entire team of executives and directors is committed, to see we drive this company forward."

Mr Holmes & Court would not say whether he intended to keep Bell Resources' remaining 5 per cent stake in Texaco, the troubled US oil group. "But I would love to have retained our Texaco interest for up to three years," he said.

The company lost Aus\$90 million by selling 12 million shares to Mr Carl Icahn's TWA for Aus\$504 million.

We now have 14
specialist commercial
property offices
throughout the UK...

CHESTERTON IS CHANGING.

Our fourteen specialist UK offices give Chesterton a breadth of on-the-ground knowledge that covers the country. A breadth that is complemented by the deeper insights of the complete Chesterton network.

The result, for our clients, is a firm with the two-fold benefits of local perception and global perspectives. Chesterton is changing to suit changing needs. Your needs.



54 Brook Street, London W1A 2BU
Telephone 01-499 0404

Chesterton: London - City, Docklands, Mayfair, West End; Banbury, Birmingham, Bristol, Epsom, Glasgow, Newcastle, Oxford, Plymouth, Reading, Taunton. Chesterton International: Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, U.S.A.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Maxwell drops plan to bid for US group

Maxwell Communication Corporation, headed by Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, has dropped its plans to make a takeover offer for Bell & Howell, the US media group.

Bell & Howell has received a \$600 million (£333 million) offer from an investor group led by the Bass brothers of Fort Worth, Texas. Mr Maxwell, whose company owns 2.3 per cent of Bell & Howell, recently sought permission under US securities laws to acquire a controlling stake. But yesterday Mr Maxwell told a news conference in Frankfurt that he would not be pursuing his bid.

Havelock up to £1.72m

Havelock Europe, the shop-fitting and store design group, announced a 30 per cent increase in pretax profits for the six months to October 16, 1987 - from £1.32 million to £1.72 million. The increase was matched by the 31 per cent rise in earnings per share to 9.16p. The company is paying an interim dividend of 2.6p (2p).

Tex ahead at interim stage

Tex Holdings lifted pretax profits from £279,000 to £452,000 in the six months to September 30, with more than a third of the total provided by Quinton and Kaines, the composite materials business acquired in August. Turnover grew from £2.95 million to £4.58 million and the interim dividend rises by 0.25p to 1.75p.

Downturn for Coated

Coated Electrodes International, a Sheffield company that uses a patented Bulgarian technique of coating steel, is relying on two acquisitions to give it a boost after a downturn in its traditional coating business.

Pretax profits for the half year to October 3 fell from £1.06 million to £825,000 on near-unchanged sales of £5.87 million. The interim dividend is up by 0.1p to 1.4p. The acquisitions are Despre, which designs and produces electronic control systems, and Sarclad, a repainer of steelworks rolls.

Stationery profit falls

Continuum Stationery, the manufacturer of business forms, made pretax profits of £208,000 in the first six months, against £334,000 last year. Sales were slightly down at £3.9 million. The company says it has eliminated loss-making operations, leaving the balance sheet in good shape. The shares were 2p better at 93p.

Hoskyns rises to £6.5m

Hoskyns, the computer services company which arrived on the stock market last year, yesterday reported pretax profits of £6.5 million for the 12 months just ended. This compares with £4.5 million previously. Turnover went up from £67.7 million to just above £79 million. The shares were unchanged at 220p.

Priest doubles result

Benjamin Priest, the engineering group, more than doubled pretax profits - from £734,000 to £1.49 million - in the six months to October 2. The results exclude Lewmar, the yachting group purchased for £34.9 million in September.

Turnover was £27.7 million against £16.9 million and earnings per share rose from 0.71p to 0.99p. The company is paying an interim dividend on its post-Lewmar enlarged share capital of 0.2p (0.125p). Priest says it is confident the group "will continue to strengthen."

Consultants up to £2.9m

Holmes & Marchant, the marketing consultancy, made £2.9 million pretax in the year to September 30 (£2.2 million), on turnover of £19.3 million (£14.9 million). Earnings per share were 19.1p (13.8p), and the recommended final dividend is 2.7p, making 4.45p overall (3.15p).

Healthy turnover

Smith & Nephew Associated Companies, the medical and healthcare group, has announced pretax profits in the year to September 30 of £74.9 million, against £58.2 million in the previous nine months. Turnover was £418.5 million (£350.2 million). The company's shares fell 10p yesterday, to 134p.

Yellowhammer lift

Yellowhammer, the USM-quoted advertising agency, made pretax profits of £905,000 in the six months to the end of September, a rise of 27 per cent. Earnings per share rose by 28 per cent to 5.5p and the interim dividend was raised by 25 per cent to 0.75p.

Billings were £22.6 million, against £19.4 million. Most new accounts were added in the final three months of the year and did not have a significant impact on profits. New clients, including Samsung home electronics products, will add up to annual billings close to £7 million.

STOCK MARKET

Sears gains 16p on hopes that bid may be on way

By Geoffrey Foster

Sears, the Selfridges, Saxon stores and William Hill betting shops group, was the subject of intense speculation yesterday that the long-awaited bid for company was at last about to happen - just in time for Christmas.

The shares advanced strongly, to close the day 16p higher at 149p as 37 million shares, worth about £50 million, changed hands.

The activity in Sears was sparked off by reports that Mr Robert Holmes & Court's 8.2 per cent stake - worth nearly £160 million - in the company was on the verge of being sold.

The stories emanated from Australia, where at a shareholders' meeting of Bell Group, Mr Holmes & Court's master company, shareholders were told to expect more asset sales to follow those already undertaken since the crash.

Apart from his interest in Sears, Mr Holmes & Court has a 14.9 per cent stake in Standard Chartered (and is deputy chairman), a 41.5 per cent shareholding in Lloyd's broker Dewey Warren and, through that, 5.2 per cent of Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank.

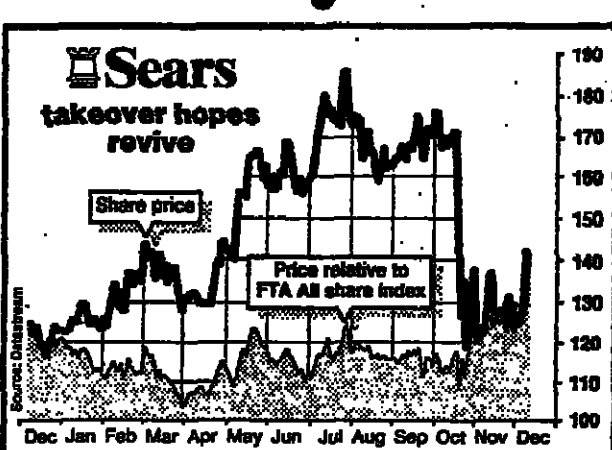
Bell shareholders were also told that the SC stake would be held and dealers immediately took the view that the Sears stake would be the next to go, particularly as, only a short while ago, there was strong speculation in the market that Pru-Bache, the New York securities house, was trying to put together a consortium of City institutions to bid for the stake, knowing that it was up for sale.

Speculators piled in to Sears from the start and soon most dealers were scrutinizing the price and volume on their Seaq screens as there was precious little activity elsewhere.

The appearance of one particularly large buyer had the rumour-mongers' tongues wagging and, as another heavy tranche went through on the ticker, dealers became even more convinced that Mr Holmes & Court's stake had been sold. Hoare Govett, the broker, was said to have been an aggressive buyer of the stock and this served to heighten the speculation and led some people to believe that Hanson Trust, the cash-rich industrial conglomerate, was picking up a stake.

Dealing continued in spectacular fashion well into the late trade and a late story that the Australian entrepreneur's stake had been sold for 160p a share to a predator sent store dealers home expecting another busy trading session today.

The sheer size of Sears, capitalized at about £2 billion, has proved an effective deter-



rent to any unwanted bidder in the past, but many dealers were of the opinion last night that Hanson Trust, which has concentrated its takeover activity in the United States since it successfully acquired (and broke up) the Imperial Group, wants the large retailer for its Christmas stocking. Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, chairman of Sears, had no comment to make last night.

Standard Chartered, the international bank, mean-

while, jumped 23p to 463p on relief that Mr Holmes & Court's 14.9 per cent stake would not be sold, while Morgan Grenfell lost 5p to 215p and Dewey Warren held the overnight level of 98p.

Another big British company, Commercial Union, the composite insurer, was also the subject of antipodean speculation yesterday. The shares advanced a further 7p to 325p on a turnover of 2.5 million shares, amid increasing speculation that Australian businessman Mr John Spalvin's Adelaide Steam-

ship was adding to its near-5 per cent stake in the company.

Mr Spalvin has shown a keen interest in British insurers and recently lifted his stake in the CU rival Royal Insurance to about 6.9 per cent. Dealers were dreaming that he might soon launch a bid for one of the two and were of the opinion that CU, which has been prey to bid talk for several years now, is the company he is really keen to get his hands on.

Shares of Pearson, the conglomerate which publishes the Financial Times and has other interests ranging from merchant banking to fine china and entertainment, rose by 5p to 635p, after 645p. Turnover was 1.1 million shares.

The rise was accompanied by revised suggestions that Mr Rupert Murdoch's The News Corporation, the Australian-based international publishing and television group which owns The Times and which acquired a 14.8 per cent stake in the group in September, was trying to add to its holding.

Elsewhere in the market, equities extended their recovery to a third day, albeit in extremely thin trading conditions. The lacklustre performance of the dollar served to deter investors who were more inclined to sit back and wait for today's publication of the US trade figures.

Interest, therefore, was confined to takeover situations

either actual, or talked of. One dealer remarked last night that "All we need is a big corporate bid to emerge tomorrow and a decent set of US trade returns and then the traditional pre-Christmas rally would really accelerate."

The FT-SE 100 share index rose 14.3 points more, making a three-day rally of 56.3 points, at 1,639.3, while the FT 30 share index finished only 2.7 points up at 1,297.6.

The gilt-edged market remained in a state of torpor, closing with modest gains of 8 1/2%.

The oil sector provided plenty of interest as the Opec meeting got under way in Vienna. British, following BP's tender offer for a 29.9 per cent stake, advanced to 285p at one stage before closing 11p higher at 277p.

Lesmo, in which RTZ, the mining conglomerate, sits on a 29 per cent stake, attracted considerable speculative interest and jumped 13p to 250p, while Ultramar, another takeover favourite in the sec-

tor, closed 6p to the good at 169p, after 172p.

BSR International, the Hong Kong-based electronics group which recently announced that it was joining the growing band of companies planning to take advantage of the market slump by buying up to 5 per cent of its own shares, closed 0.5p easier at 68.5p.

Robert Fleming Securities, the broker, has downgraded its recommendation to a "hold" and its pretax estimates for BSR in the current year have been trimmed by £1 million to £17 million and for 1988 by £4 million to £18 million.

ASDA-MFI, the hypermarket group, eased by 2p to 159p following the Board's decision to take its Allied Carpets division off the market. This news disappointed Sir Philip Harris's Harris Queensway stores group which had tabled a £100 million offer for Allied and the shares of HQ fell by 6p to 107p.

The sustained market recovery bodes well for Euronext dealings which get under way today. Recent pessimistic forecasts have suggested that the shares would open at a 25p discount to the 350p offer price, reflecting the volume of shares left with the underwriters. But yesterday dealers were thinking more in terms of a possible opening price of nearer 340p, a 10p discount.

Wardell slips

Turnover at Wardell Roberts increased to £28.6 million (£27.5 million) in the six months to end-September from £28.3 million. Pretax profits were £598,000 (£450,000) and the interim dividend is 0.9p. Earnings per share are 2.6p (2.5p).

Wentworth climbs

Wentworth International Group reports pretax profits of £105,169 (£100,291) for the half-year to October 3. Turnover was £2.5 million (£2.2 million). Earnings per share are 1.82p (1.74p). The company is continuing to invest in the polythene business and has new machinery on order.

Jacksons jumps

Jacksons Bourne End is declaring an interim dividend of 4p (2p) for the six months to September 30. Pretax profit was £301,000 (£270,000). Net assets per share are 366p (270p) and earnings per share before the extraordinary debit was 9.2p, compared with 2.2p previously.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN 8.50%
Adam & Company 9.00%
BCI 8.50%
Consolidated Crds 8.50%
Co-operative Bank 9.00%
C. Hoare & Co 8.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai 8.50%
Lloyds Bank 8.50%
Nat Westminster 8.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland 8.50%
TSB 9.00%
Citibank NA 8.50%

Maxwell Communication Corporation: Mr Kris Tamaki becomes president and chief executive of the Asia-Pacific operations, from January 1.

Moncreiffe: Mr Calum Murray has been appointed international marketing director.

Richards Butler: Mr Robert Chambers is now partnership director.

Deloitte Haskins & Sells: Ms Jane Houston, Mr Martin Wines, Mr Chris Winkler, Mr Bill Chepman, Mr Edward Klempke, Mr Edward McCarthy, and Mr Ian Smith have been admitted to the partnership.

Cambridge Applied Nutrition Toxicology and Biosciences: Dr Peter Freedman joins the board as medical director.

Randsworth Trust: Mr Stephen Musgrave joins the board.

Steer Hire: Mr Peter Stringer becomes managing director and Mr Fred Waples chairman.

British Pump Manufacturers' Association: Mr Albert Becking has been elected chairman.

British Pump Manufacturers' Association: Mr Albert Becking has been elected chairman.

British Pump Manufacturers' Association: Mr Albert Becking has been elected chairman.

British Pump Manufacturers' Association: Mr Albert Becking has been elected chairman.

British Pump Manufacturers' Association: Mr Albert Becking has been elected chairman.

British Pump Manufacturers' Association: Mr Albert Becking has been elected chairman.

British Pump Manufacturers' Association: Mr Albert Becking has been elected chairman.

TEMPUS

Northern safe but uninspired

It may be something to do with cultivating a mildly eccentric attitude to Big Business, but Northern Foods prefers to give an unexpected version of events. This endearing quality creates some goodwill among City commentators although it also leaves a feeling of unease about management skills and business strategy.

Northern is not alone in having made mistakes in the United States, but its history closer to home is not without blemishes. This is a pity as the time is approaching when Northern will have a good flow of cash to be reinvested.

More opportunities exist in mature markets than in attractive growth areas, where Northern is a pioneer, but confidence, inclination and the ability to take risks - characteristics not immediately attributable to Northern - are important when considering acquisitions.

Nevertheless, there is room for improvement. In time margins could widen from 7 per cent to 10 per cent, pushing the return on capital up to 30 per cent.

Talk of a "more direct management style" should bear fruit, while rationalization and increased efficiencies continue.

The dairy experience qualifies Northern for managing businesses where volumes are declining but it would be nice to think longer-term progress was dependent on something more positive. More than 15 per cent of sales go to Marks and Spencer with a balance, taking the total of all three up to 25 per cent, supplied to Sainsbury and Tesco.

Mature businesses, such as milk, sausages, and pies - the areas being most rapidly rationalized - account for about two-thirds of the group. But 20 per cent growth is being experienced by faster moving activities, such as prepared meals and specialty biscuits, so the gap will narrow.

Northern is thus reliant on the fortunes of the large food retailers who as yet enjoy healthy margins and have avoided destructive price wars. If this situation were to change, Northern's margins would also suffer.

Lord Hanson is not tempted by Northern's factories and the delicate relationship with Marks and Spencer may defer others from making an aggressive bid.

The p/e on forecasts of £76 million for the year is 10.4 times, which is high considering that earnings, following the moves out of the US, will be static.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

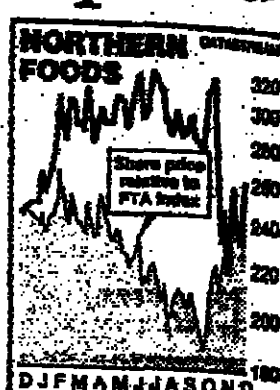
The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.



Just when United Scientific Holdings puts its US house in order with a complete overhaul of the management, President Reagan not only finds himself pressurized into defence budget cuts but also finally reaches an historic agreement with the Soviet Union on disarmament.

Is USH bothered? Not a bit. Although all its high-technology equipment goes to the military, none of it is nuclear-related. It regards nuclear spending cuts as positive, and claims to have notched up about £30 million in sales this year as a direct result of defence expenditure cuts. Tighter purse-strings force governments to shop around more, it seems.

So forget the warmth emanating from the summit of world politics. There may eventually be fewer nuclear warheads around, but Nato countries and the developing nations still want sights for their guns and weapons systems for their armoured vehicles. The evidence is in the 52 per cent increase in USH's order backlog last October against a year ago.

Given this, the group looks more than capable of completing its recovery this year. With the American operations accounting for approximately a third of the group's turnover, already back in profit, a pretax figure of £18 million is in prospect.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1 million, lifting earnings from 0.7p to 14.4p a share.

And of course, a market worth an annual \$275 billion cannot be anything but crucial to a weapons group, despite the threat of recession across the Atlantic. With the recent £35 million of rights issue cash now in, more acquisitions can be expected and the US market's weakness could provide the opportunity.

The US division's recovery was mainly responsible for the profit recovery. Pretax earnings in the year to end-September surged from the previous disastrous £3.2 million to £11.1

Foreign investors give vote of confidence to Britain

By Edward Towse, Industrial Correspondent

Seventy per cent of the foreign companies that have invested in Britain plan to increase their investments, according to a survey published by the Department of Trade and Industry yesterday.

The survey, covering more than 300 foreign-owned firms, showed that 96 per cent believe industrial relations in Britain have improved significantly in recent years.

Eighty per cent said their British subsidiaries were performing as well as, or better than, expected, and 90 per cent said the British performance was comparable or better than that of subsidiaries elsewhere.

The survey was ordered by

the DTI to celebrate the tenth birthday of its Invest in Britain Bureau, which promotes direct inward investment and claimed yesterday to have maintained Britain's position as the preferred location in Europe for non-EEC investments.

Mr John Butcher, the Industry Minister, said at a press conference that in its first 10 years the IBB had been able to welcome 2,000 foreign investment projects which had created or safeguarded well over 230,000 jobs.

During the decade the value of foreign direct investment in Britain had increased from nearly £14 billion to almost £49 billion. The main share was in the industrial and

commercial sector, in which investments rose to £41 billion, including £3 billion of Japanese investments.

The best-known arrival was Nissan, with its car plant at Washington, Tyne and Wear, but in addition all the big Japanese consumer electronics companies were now manufacturing in Britain and there were a total of 67 Japanese companies operating in the country.

Mr Butcher denied that the big increase in inward investment was due to the arrival of so-called "screwdriver" assembly plants which used little British content.

There was a growing trend towards increasing British added value, he said, and half

of the companies surveyed now had a British research and development operation.

More than half of the companies surveyed also said grants and incentives offered in Britain were good, and 56 per cent said they had received financial assistance from the government.

Mr Butcher said that Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was reviewing all aspects of regional policy and would be making an announcement in the new year.

Lord Young has already made clear that no changes to the assisted area map are envisaged, and the regional aid budget is to remain "broadly constant."

Weather casts cloud on Bulmer

By John Bell, City Editor

HP Bulmer, Britain's biggest cider-maker, struggled to show a 9 per cent rise in pretax profits to £7.5 million during the half year ended October.

Cider and fruit juices, easily the group's largest profit earner, suffered from heavy promotional spending and miserable summer weather. Pectin profits also dropped substantially, mainly because of the bunching of some large orders in the first half of the previous year. Shareholders are to receive an interim dividend of 2.55p a share, up 9 per cent.

The overall performance benefited from a £600,000 disposal of surplus land, lower interest charges, and the one bright advance spot - a 43 per cent advance by the wines and spirits and other non-cider drinks.

Perrier, for which Bulmers has the British distribution rights, continued its recent 30 per cent volume growth during the half year. Red Stripe lager advanced 50 per cent, and New Zealand wine sales doubled. The one dull spot in the division was sherry.

Trading in the second half has started well, but Bulmers gives a warning that the full-year outcome is heavily dependent on the Christmas sales period. Analysts were yesterday standing by estimates of about £15 million, compared with £12.5 million.

The sale of the US fruit juice business, Red Cheek, will remove borrowings of £17.3 million from the balance sheet. Half-year profits have been restored to show the effects of the disposal. On this basis turnover rose 6.7 per cent in the half year and pretax profits advanced by almost 12 per cent to £8.1 million.

Fine Art less than expected

Fine Art Developments - which commands half Britain's horticulture-by-mail market, and the biggest share of Europe's greeting card business - increased pretax profits from £3.05 million to £3.45 million in the six months to September 30. This was less than the company and market expected. The interim dividend is a fifth better at 1.8p.

The Staffordshire company expects to improve on the 13 per cent rise in first-half turnover to £75.48 million when it reports for the full year.

Next big play for an independent Plessey

Comment Kenneth Fleet

As disasters are no one's favourite subject but the tragic truth is that they are increasing. So too is the number of near misses. The huge increase in air traffic is one reason, but it is not the total explanation: we all fly in an increasingly dangerous environment.

According to Allan McCartor, safety in the air is rationally measured by exposure to risk, and, therefore, the proper response of authorities responsible for safety is to direct their initiatives to reducing potential risks. "I want them all to worry about things I worry about."

Mr McCartor knows what he is talking about. In July he gave up his job as senior vice-president of Federal Express to head the call to head the American Federal Aviation Administration and the 46,000 people collectively responsible for regulating and controlling air traffic and aircraft certification in the United States. In London for meetings with the Civil Aviation Authority, with whom the FAA works closely on all aspects of aviation ("our best working relationship internationally"), he went to the point. "Global aviation has changed. Managing airspace is no longer just a matter of separating aircraft."

There are two dimensions to his approach: one the United States where air traffic is dense, the other outside the US where traffic is heavy and increasing and safety standards, with exceptions, vary from the primitive to the terrifying. Work on a common set of air regulations has been proceeding for years - very slowly. "It needs accelerating." Within the US, Mr McCartor, looking at the key elements of air safety - people, equipment and procedures - admits "we need to modernize all three."

"People offer the fastest payback. We are stressing the need for day-to-day vigilance and professionalism. The FAA has been asked to examine pilot competency, and to apply comparable standards to airport traffic controllers and to our mechanics. We have a National Aerospace System Plan with a budget of \$15 billion, aimed at recapitalizing American airspace: new radars, new crews, new landing systems. We also have to change procedures and improve traffic controls around airports, not least to accommodate the new generation of long-range (up to 8,000 miles) 747s which will have to be fed at main airports by smaller aircraft."

In addition to people, equipment and procedures, Mr McCartor has to face the problem of declining public confidence. Much of this, he believes, is unjustified, but he does not deny that poor service, flight delays, cancelled flights and lost luggage cause first anger and frustration which can then turn into fear. "Fear that airlines with labour problems may also have maintenance problems." The FAA's answers are, and a

campaign in schools and through the American media to make the public aware of what is involved. While the problems of aviation may be more acute in the US because of the sheer volume of air traffic, the FAA's concerns spread wherever American aircraft fly. Mr McCartor accepts, with a determination bordering on enthusiasm, "our responsibility to be involved internationally - to arrive, if we can, at a global air system." The FAA is ready to give advice and training to local airlines, assist in establishing better airport procedures and help install repair stations overseas. The administration, which already has an office in Brussels, is about to open another in Singapore.

Meanwhile the FAA and the aircraft industry are pressing on with developing and installing new equipment designed to minimize risk - and replace equipment that has grown old these last 20 years, without the attention that a fast-evolving sky traffic demanded. For example, with the rising incidence of near misses in mind, an altitude encoding transponder that gives more precise position and altitude readings, and a threat alert and collision avoidance system warning pilots of other near aircraft, coupled with an avoiding command.

The decisive step the Americans have taken is to update their civil radar. Contracts have been placed with Westinghouse for 108 new radar installations across the US. Here the Allan McCartor story comes closer to home. He is plainly not impressed with the radar systems in operation outside the US but he is impressed with the working relationships between Westinghouse and Plessey arising from our own Government's decision to order AWACS from Boeing.

In the military field Plessey, in conjunction with the Admiralty Research Establishment, has developed "phased array" radar which enables the beam to be steered electronically, whereas in conventional radar the beam is moved mechanically around 360 degrees. In civil radar Plessey and Westinghouse research would appear not to be too far apart. A closer coordination of their efforts could make sense - especially if Europe and the rest of the world follow America's example and update their radar installations. The growing concern about safety in the air demands an international radar re-equipment programme.

There is a big market out there, and if Plessey, in alliance presumably with Westinghouse, can achieve a standard of equipment worldwide (perhaps through a successful integration of military and civil radar), it would more than justify its independence at a time when the City is counting the months to the next takeover bid.

Race to raise charity money

By Amanda Partridge

The second Great Holborn Investment Race came under Royal starter's orders in the City of London yesterday. Prince Edward, president of the race, lit an Olympic torch to symbolize the efforts of competitors to raise money for charity over the next 12 months.

The race, created by Charity Projects, is to raise as much money as possible for small charities working to combat the problems of disability, homelessness and drug and alcohol abuse. The nine teams taking part have until December 8 next year to raise the funds, using an interest-free loan provided by Prudential Holborn, the sponsor.

Prudential advanced £210,000 to the six teams that competed in the first race, which ended on September 23. The teams made £780,000 profit between them.

This year, Prudential has raised the stake money, and Mr Mick Newmarch, the chairman, yesterday presented each team with a cheque for £55,000. To make a round half million, the remaining £5,000 will be placed in a single stock.

Bill Lawrie, Nomura International, Security Pacific Hoare Govett and Prudential Portfolio Managers (the previous winners) will be taking part again. Newcomers are Capital House, Cazenove, Davis Europe, Emskide Securities and Henderson Administration.

Record £19m for Stakis

By Alison Eadie

Stakis, the Scottish hotels and casino group, made record pretax profits of £19.1 million in the year to September 27, a rise of 24 per cent.

Turnover fell by 7 per cent to £114.5 million after the sale of the wines and spirits division last year. All continuing businesses increased their turnover.

Operating profits from hotels rose to £11.6 million from £10.3 million as occupancy levels and the achieved room-rate both increased. Although the fall in the dollar will affect Stakis if American tourism drops next year, its 32 hotels are less dependent on American business than some hotel groups.

Casinos increased their profits to £4.4 million from £3.3 million, property to £2.1 million from £1.5 million and finance to £2.3 million from £2.1 million.

The interest charge fell to £621,000 from £1.6 million as debt was repaid following the wine and spirit disposal. Stakis now has a low gearing level.

The tax charge dropped to 22 per cent because of spending on new hotels. Earnings per share were up by 31 per cent to 6.08p and the total dividend was lifted to 1.68p from 1.4p a share.

Record £19m for Stakis

By Alison Eadie

Stakis, the Scottish hotels and casino group, made record pretax profits of £19.1 million in the year to September 27, a rise of 24 per cent.

Turnover fell by 7 per cent to £114.5 million after the sale of the wines and spirits division last year. All continuing businesses increased their turnover.

Operating profits from hotels rose to £11.6 million from £10.3 million as occupancy levels and the achieved room-rate both increased. Although the fall in the dollar will affect Stakis if American tourism drops next year, its 32 hotels are less dependent on American business than some hotel groups.

Casinos increased their profits to £4.4 million from £3.3 million, property to £2.1 million from £1.5 million and finance to £2.3 million from £2.1 million.

The interest charge fell to £621,000 from £1.6 million as debt was repaid following the wine and spirit disposal. Stakis now has a low gearing level.

The tax charge dropped to 22 per cent because of spending on new hotels. Earnings per share were up by 31 per cent to 6.08p and the total dividend was lifted to 1.68p from 1.4p a share.

Bank aids secondary mortgages

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mortgage-lending institutions yesterday said that they were now more likely to securitize home loans following publication of the Bank of England's new guidelines. The proposed new rules should give a significant boost to the secondary mortgage market, where home loans are packaged together by the original lenders and sold on to new investors.

Mr Brian Pierce, finance director of Barclays Bank - the second largest mortgage lender among the clearers - pointed out that the Bank had eased its stance on at least one crucial issue. "Until now the Bank has insisted that securitized home loans remained a risk to the original lender even when the loans had been sold on," he said. "Sellers were required to take this into account in their risk assessment."

Mr Ian Lumsden, planning manager of the Halifax Building Society, was also enthusiastic about the Bank's proposals. He said: "The new rules will certainly help the secondary mortgage market to develop. We had trouble with the previous informal rules worked out by the authorities because they threw up various technical difficulties. The

Bank's guidelines seem to iron out some of these."

The Halifax has looked at the possibility of securitizing loans, but was unlikely to do so with existing loans, he said. "It is a good area for products which are sold on the understanding that they may eventually be securitized," he added. "And there is no reason why that should not be extended to car loans and other consumer debts."

Most mortgage institutions insist that there is no great hurry to securitize home loans because there is, as yet, no great need to do so. But several, such as Barclays, have been looking closely at the possibility for some time.

So far, the secondary mortgage market has developed slowly, because of a lack of

clear rules on how to structure securities.

Almost all the mortgage-backed securities currently on issue were put together by companies specially set up to enable home loans to be sold on to other investors.

The Bank's proposals outline several ways in which deals could be structured, and suggests ways in which they should be treated in accounting and capital adequacy terms. An institution can only properly claim that it is no longer liable for loans it has sold in the secondary market if the structure of the deal fulfils several criteria laid down by the Bank.

At present the proposals are at the consultative stage, but firm rules on transferring and securitizing mortgages will eventually result.

The great survivor

Gerald Kaplan, former head of London and County Securities, the first and most spectacular casualty of the 1970s fringe banking crisis, has, I hear, become something of a media figure in the States. Kaplan, a survivor of seven heart-by-pass operations which appear to have prevented his extradition to the United Kingdom, has for some years been running a "Jews for Jesus" campaign - aiming to convert Jews to Christianity. Unlikely though it might sound, it has apparently become big business. So much so that Kaplan now broadcasts his message throughout the States via a nationally syndicated radio programme, as well as a regular radio show in New York. "He has built up quite a following," a Kaplan friend tells me, adding that Born-Again Christian John de Lorean is believed to be a follower. But although Kaplan lives in Beverly Hills, he still hasn't quite assumed the lifestyle of his superstar neighbours. "It's a bit like the worst property in the best district," the same source tells me.

Looking for that ever-so-tasteful jumper as a Christmas present for the man in your life? Top menswear boutique Malcolm Leveson in Chiltern Street, London, has had £149 pure wool stock market sweaters specially designed, showing, in grey or black, the peak of the FT index from 1940 until today. Scarves in the same design can be bought for a mere modest £49.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Qualms and the man

The statement by disgraced arbitrageur Ivan Boesky to Judge Morris Lasker this week that he wanted the opportunity to redeem himself "and leave this earth with a good name" is more than a little ironic. After being turned down repeatedly by numerous Jewish charities during the past year as he attempted to find a job, possibly cleanse his conscience - and, some cynics would say, impress a jury - Boesky has, I hear, at last been offered voluntary work helping homeless men at the Cathedral of St John the Divine, in New York. This new form of unpaid employment has, however, been offered to him on the condition that he work there under an assumed name.

son du Boesky. They also saw the Square de Meuse, Ladbroke's property development, whose tenants are the Belgian Ministry of Justice and the EEC. And they visited Ladbroke's biggest overseas betting operation, the Belgian betting shop chain known as Agence Hippique. Ladbroke has an exclusive 20-year licence to develop the chain from its current base of five shops and, I'm told, hopes to have 40 by the year-end.

Dutch treat

Ladbroke, which had its shares accepted for listing on the Brussels and Antwerp bourses last week, marked the occasion by taking a group of analysts across to see its Dutch and Belgian operations. The analysts, who return from their two-day sortie today, stayed in Ladbroke's Brussels Hilton and dined in its award-winning restaurant, Le Ma-

son du Boesky. They also saw the Square de Meuse, Ladbroke's property development, whose tenants are the Belgian Ministry of Justice and the EEC. And they visited Ladbroke's biggest overseas betting operation, the Belgian betting shop chain known as Agence Hippique. Ladbroke has an exclusive 20-year licence to develop the chain from its current base of five shops and, I'm told, hopes to have 40 by the year-end.

Well-built

You can now discover just how prodigious others perceive you to be by the style of calendar you are sent by RMC Group, the makers of ready-mixed concrete. There are, I discovered, two calendars being sent out. One is very subdued and tasteful, showing a wide range of restoration projects, from castles to tapestries. The other, no less tasteful, shows pouring young lovelies in a tropical setting.

Spirits of accord

Amid the international outcry about the US budget deficit, and given Ronald Reagan's well-publicized abhorrence of increased taxes, it is indeed an inopportune moment to reveal that the visit by Mikhail Gorbachev and his entourage of more than 200 is costing the American taxpayer some \$300,000 (£278,000). This unintended generosity on the part of the US State Department - which failed to specify adequately the parameters of its invitation - has apparently delighted the Soviet guests who, with the exception of the Gorbachovs, are holed up in Washington's luxurious Madison Hotel, where a suite can cost up to \$1,950 a night. Given the recent Soviet ruling against alcohol, the guests were delighted to discover mini-bars in their rooms. To prevent costs soaring even further, the State Department rapidly ordered these removed but, following complaints from their thirsty guests, they compromised by filling the fridges with soft drinks. The Russians were also impressed by the hotel's renowned and expensive French restaurant, but this, too, was rapidly ruled out of bounds, with buffet meals now being provided for them in a private dining-room instead.

Who can the owner possibly be? Spotted in The Strand yesterday was a Rolls-Royce with the number plate THE SOS (The Bos).

Carol Leonard

Continued growth from Charter

INTERIM RESULTS

	30.9.87	30.9.86	change
Profit before tax	£26.1m	£17.9m	+ 45%
Profit attributable	£18.2m	£12.8m	+ 42%
Earnings per share	17.2p	12.2p	+ 5.0p
Interim dividend	4.25p	4.0p	+ 0.25p

OPERATIONS

Profits from operations as a whole totalled £10.9 million, with better performances from building products and construction, but with lower earnings from the mining equipment and rail equipment businesses.

INVESTMENTS

The strong rise in earnings include a good performance from Charter's investments where profits increased by £2.9 million to £13.9 million. This improvement included increased contributions to dividend income and to related company profits from Johnson Matthey whose profits rose by 41 per cent compared with the first half of 1986.

The group benefited from net interest received of £3.9 million, compared with an interest cost of £0.6 million for the same period in 1986, reflecting Charter's strong and improving cash position.

An extraordinary profit of £15.7 million raised total profit for the six-month period to £33.9 million against £20.3 million for the first half year in 1986.

Charter's net asset value is currently estimated at £460 million (437p per share), taking investments at market value, as adjusted for the fall in stock market values after September.

CHARTER

MANUFACTURING · MINING
CONSTRUCTION · INVESTMENT

Copies of the interim figures are available from the Company Secretary, Charter Consolidated PLC, 40 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 1AJ.

By Alison Eadie

Polymers profits rose 50 per cent, aided to a small degree by recent acquisitions CQC and Galt Composites. The main boost came from defence products, including S10

By Colin Narbrough

The AFBD's concern reflects views expressed by Sir Gordon Borrie, the director-general of Fair Trading, who



tor. He clearly does not welcome any narrowing of choice, especially if it favours big firms at the expense of the small and medium-sized.

The AFBF has sought to

Member firms will not be allowed to take parent company guarantees into consideration when calculating required capital, nor will bank guarantees be allowed.

Institutional investors were

FRANK

Dealers said the present thin market was volatile, but the mood was better on hopes that low prices would lead to a rally.

Advances outnumbered declines by three to two on a volume of 50 million shares.

● **New York** — Seligman Income Fund's board has declared a higher quarterly dividend but a lower year-end capital gains payout. The

of 4 cents per share from 1987 short-term gains and 6 cents from long-term gains, payable on December 22, in shares, or at the holder's option, in cash.

The fund paid a year-end capital gains distribution of 59 cents per share last year, all from long-term gains.

Insurance, car and retail stocks gained marginally, while securities houses, airlines and pharmaceuticals lost after Tuesday's gains. Export-related electronics shares also lost. Brokers said a slightly

KFURT

Retailers were largely steady. Karstadt edged 0.50 higher to 461, Kaufhof was unchanged at 412 and Herten gained five to 179.

HONG KONG

(Reuters) — Share prices closed slightly lower after rising sharply in the morning, as Tokyo's late weakness inspired selling, brokers said. The Hang Seng index eased 1.14 points to 1,984.98 after a gain of nearly 50 points in the morning session. The Hong Kong index was down 0.38 at 1,296.92 as turnover rose to a still-sluggish HK\$680.44 mil-

Among leaders Swire "A" eased 20 cents to HK\$12.80, while Cheung Kong fell 5 cents to HK\$5.40.

WALL STREET

[illegible]

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico E&G	24	23%
Alcan Alcan	33%	32%
Algonia Stl	14	13%
Can Pacific	20%	19%
Consinco	12%	12%
Con Bathurst	16	15%
Hewit S Can	20	20
Hud Bay M	18%	18%
Inseco	26%	24%
Imperial Oil	54	52%
Int Pipe	41%	42%
Royal Trustco	13	13%
Seagram	70%	67%
Shelco 'A'	20%	18%
Thomson N 'A'	26	26
Varsity Cp	3	3
WCT	15%	15%
Weston	31%	31%

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The IFS says to prevent this, taxation on North Sea development should be eased. One

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES			
Ald Restaurants	61	Sec Archives	150
Brit Pet P/P	72 1/2	Sharnburg (180p)	99
Buds Mining (100p)	125-5	Sharnburg Prods (250p)	148 +30
Cartersworth	28	Slyck-Pickard	118
Co of Designers (100)	105-10	Tomorrow's Leisure	31 +1 +3
Dolphin Packing (100p)	110 +2	Townish Hldgs	66
Fairway Local	75	Tubular Exhbit	21 +1 +3
Gaelic Inc	4 1/2	URS Inc	110 +3
Hard Rock Cafe	89 +3	USDC Int	112 +2
Idco	130	Willshaw Secs	228
		Zetters Leds	126

RIGHTS ISSUES

Marconi Group	61	Apid Holographic N/P	26
Mayne Nickless	185	City & For N/P	3 +1½
Nestor-BNA (75p)	76-2	Lendu Hldgs N/P	
Power Corp	85	RIKF Gp N/P	3½
Record (88p)	60-3		
Rolls-Royce (170p)	105-1		
Rural Pigm	83	(Issue price in brackets).	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings November 30	Last Dealings December 11	Last Declaration March 3	For Settlement March 14
Call options were taken out on 3/12/87 Hanson Trust, Ferranti, Barclays Bank, Lloyds Bank, Citicorp, Trimco, Hawin, Bernard Matthews, Senior Engineering Group			

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Cuba					Puerto Rico						Cuba					Puerto Rico				
	Series	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jun	Jul	Series	Jan	Feb	Mar		Jun	Jul	Series	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jun	Jul		
And Lyon (300)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	De Sosa (300)	1650	20	25	25	25	25		
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1120	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1230	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35	35	35			
Bass (700)	300	40	53	60	60	16	25	25	25	25	25	25	1100	30	35	35					

Subject to conditions and Government approval. Offer period commences 1st May 1988 and travel must be completed by 31st October 1988.

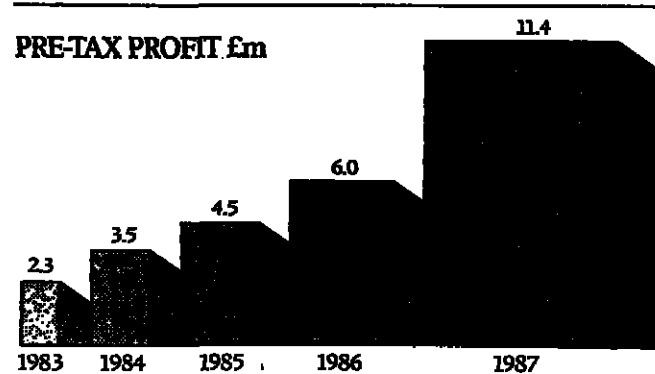
Telephone Number _____

ACIO™



AIR CANADA

Five years of profitable progress



Highlights of the year ended 28th September 1987

- Pre-tax profits £11,438 million – up 88%.
- Earnings per share at 47.7p – up 26% on increased share capital.
- Final dividend increased by 75%.
- Excellent progress in all sectors.
- Strong benefits from increased efficiency.
- Continued growth confidently forecast.



**Avon Rubber p.l.c., Bath Road,
Melksham, Wiltshire SN12 8AA**

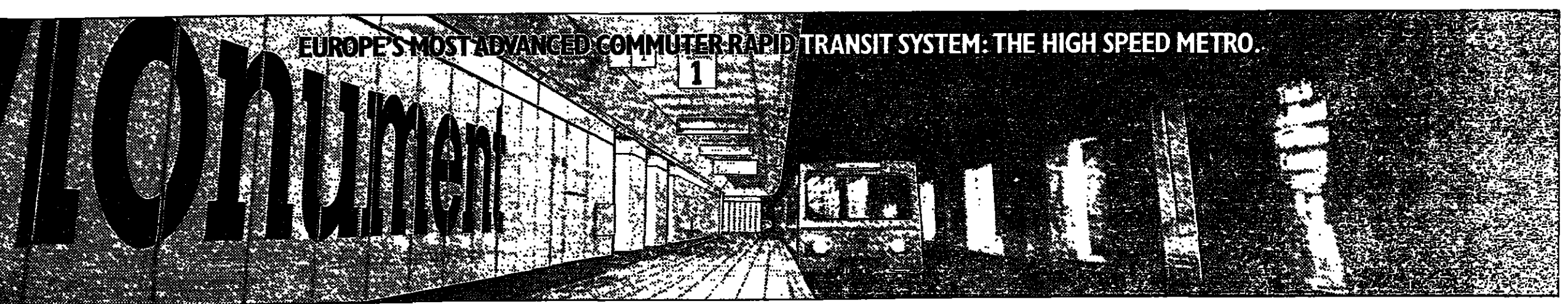
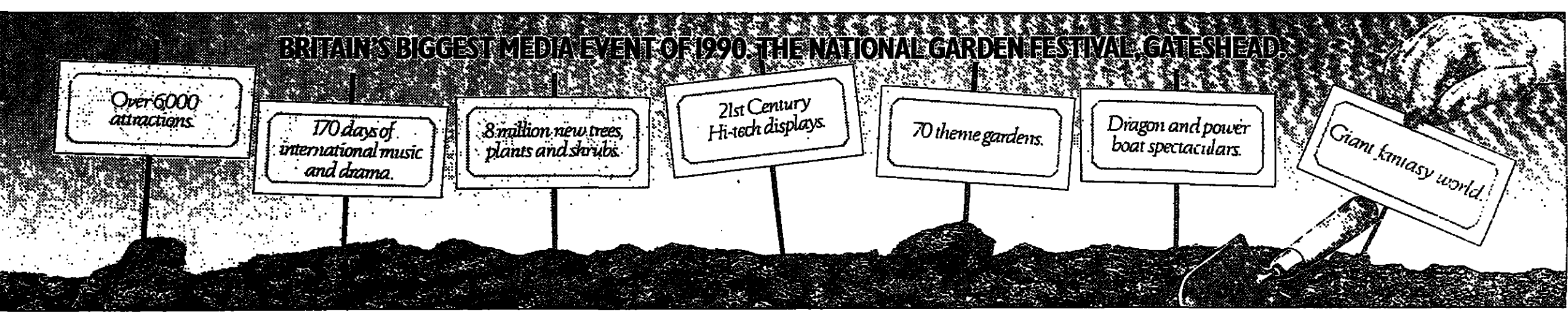
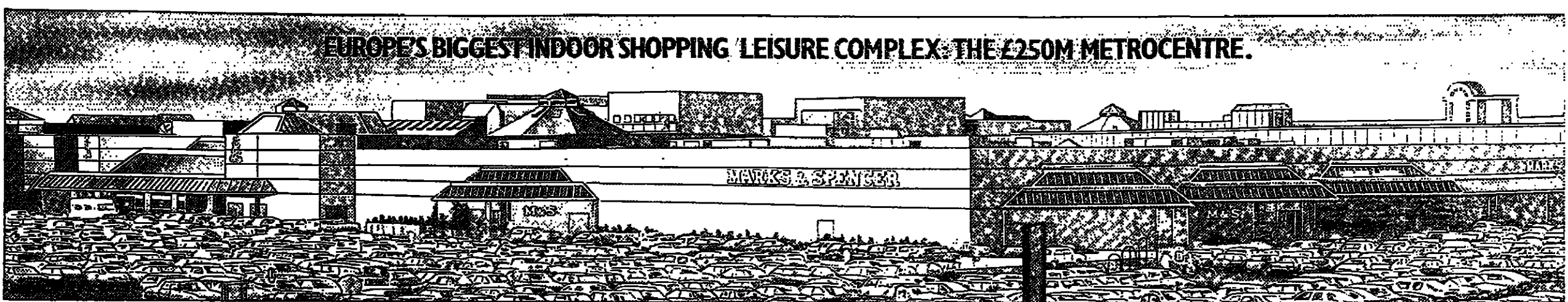
**A Group of companies
specialising in polymer
technology**

62 points
e trading

HONG KONG
Shares drop
back after
sharp gains

rs of
progress

EVERY NEW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION NEEDS A LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT.



NOT BAD FOR STARTERS.



Over £100 million to support the private sector and develop almost 20 miles of prime riverside sites makes even more encouraging news. Talk to the new Tyne and Wear Development Corporation. See how we're planning to add to the region's success. Contact Martin Davidson, Director of Development on (091) 232 5341. Tyne and Wear Development Corporation, Hadrian House, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6AF Working with the Northern Development Company

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 26.)

Shares quietly firm

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 26.)

TOBACCOS							
BAT (ps)	418	412	+1	218	51	9.7	
Carroll	185	130					
Reynolds T ^a (ps)	379	375	+4	112	30	10.3	

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend c Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other l Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free ... No significant data.

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

December 10, 1987

How to recruit is the question that arises after the much more significant question of whether to recruit has been answered. The business manager of today recruits only after all other alternatives have been thoroughly examined. Can existing staff be redeployed? Is there a temporary or part-time solution? Can consultants do the job? Did the previous holder of the position leave a vacancy (they don't always)?

Assuming the decision is to recruit, the first task, and the most critical if the recruitment procedure is to achieve a successful result, is to define the job in precise detail and ensure that this job description is fully agreed by all parties concerned. In addition, the profile of the ideal candidate must also be defined in terms of age, qualification, personality and experience.

Even now the business manager still faces quite a few more alternatives as to his next step:

- Does he handle the recruitment exercise himself? If so, does he advertise and where? What effect will it have on his workload? Does he have the time?
- If he has a personnel department can they do it for him? Are they qualified to do it for him?
- Does he use outside specialist recruitment services? Who should he use? How does he know if they

are good? What will they do? What will it cost?

The argument in favour of handling the recruitment oneself is that the manager surely is best placed to know what he is looking for and therefore will be more likely to recognize it when he sees it. Counter-balancing this is the management time that will be taken up by abortive interviews and unproductive administration of the recruitment process.

In addition, and probably more critically, the manager is almost certainly not an experienced recruiter. He is not used to assessing candidates and his interviewing techniques are almost certainly undeveloped. He therefore runs the risk of not only having his own management time taken up unproductively but also, more dangerously, of recruiting the wrong candidate.

Enter the personnel department. It is usually staffed by personnel professionals, and the shrewd business manager sees their role as providing a service to him — all he needs to do is to take the final decision. Many personnel departments contain experienced recruiters who, in addition of course, fully understand the culture of the company and in many instances, not only is the manager obliged to use them, but is also well served by them.

He must, however, consider whether they are qualified to do



Tim Entwistle is Managing Director of the London-based search and selection specialists, Timstead Associates.

Tim Entwistle: The skill is knowing how to use all the available methods

Follow the rules of recruitment and pick your people with care

the job for him if there is a technical side to it and how much involvement will be expected from him. Like the line manager, however, the personnel department may have a full-time job just handling the administrative side of the personnel function and not be appropriately equipped for recruitment.

The manager need not despair, however, for there is no shortage of outside specialist recruiters anxious to help him in return, of course, for a fee. The number and variety of recruitment agencies that now exist might seem overwhelming. Most, however, cover their own specialist sectors and industries, and while many firms combine a number of these sectors and industries it is easy to

identify one with the relevant skills and experience.

Among the most reliable directories which classify agencies by sector and industry are those produced by the Federation of Recruitment and Employment Services and Executive Grapevine. Even now the choice of recruiter is not an easy matter unless a particular firm is known to the potential user or a referral can be given by a previous user.

It is necessary, therefore, to know the sort of questions to ask a recruitment consultant before awarding him or her an assignment. These should include some or all of the following:

- What similar assignments have been carried out and how successful were they?

- If there is a specific technical or specialist nature to the position, what is the recruiter's justification for claiming to understand this?

- Has the recruiter worked in the industry or discipline himself in the past or is his expertise based on previous relevant recruitment assignments? Obtain a copy of and understand the recruiter's terms of business. He is obliged to give this under law without being asked, but ensure that this aspect is fully understood from the outset.

- Has the recruiter asked for and fully discussed the job description? If not, then he is unlikely to be able to do a fully professional job and therefore should not be used.

- Is the recruiter's firm a member of a trade body such as the

Federation of Recruitment and Employment Services or the Executive Recruitment Association? If so, he should be familiar with and adhere to its code of conduct.

Assuming the stage has now been reached where the manager wishing to recruit has decided to go to an outside specialist and after careful research has selected an individual and firm in whom he has confidence, what next?

There is just one more stage that has to be gone through with the selected recruiter before the business manager can return to full-time work in his own job in the sure knowledge that his recruitment needs are being professionally attended to. He needs to agree with the recruiter the

precise job description, ideal candidate profile and appropriate method of recruitment.

For the assignment to be a success it is crucial that the job description and the profile of the ideal candidate are carefully considered and clearly set out in writing at the outset. The recruiter can supply the candidate who fits the brief — that is his job — but, and it cannot be over-emphasized, the single most common reason for an assignment failing is when "the goalposts move". If the manager is concise and clear in the first place as to what he wants, then this failure should not occur.

The method of recruitment is important and will depend on a number of factors. When an outside recruiter is being used the most oft-quoted methods employed are Search (through research), Selection (through advertisement) and File Search.

There is often a misconception that these are mutually exclusive — but they are not. Every assignment probably involves some of each although the recruiter will give it one or other name-tag, more for his own purposes than for any other reason.

The recruiter's skill is to know how to use the various methods at his disposal and to use that combination most appropriate to each individual requirement.

APPOINTMENTS PHONE: 01-481 4481 — APPOINTMENTS PHONE: 01-481 4481

PERSONNEL EXECUTIVE (UK & INTERNATIONAL), LONDON

Join our small Corporate Personnel team in this devolved company and help in providing personnel services for senior managers and advice and support to a very diverse range of businesses. We are looking for an experienced person who will take the lead in the following areas of work:

- development and administration of senior management compensation and benefits systems including salary, bonus scheme and stock options for UK and overseas based staff,
- provision of up-to-date comparative information on grades, salaries and benefits in the UK and in relevant overseas territories,
- provision of advice on all aspects of employing staff overseas both for corporate staff and for the businesses.

The work also involves providing support and advice in the areas of industrial relations and general personnel management. There are considerable developmental opportunities for wider involvement in the work of the department especially in international management development. The post holder will report to Don Young, the Director of Personnel and Organisation Development.

Suitable candidates will probably have some years experience in reward systems in the UK and internationally as well as a good general background in the personnel and/or management development sphere. They should be energetic and independently minded, comfortable in working with diverse cultures in THORN EMI and able to work well with people of most senior levels.

The post would suit a graduate, perhaps with MPM, an excellent communicator and probably around early 30's.

Contact

Charlotte Chambers
THORN EMI plc
4 Tenterden Street
Hanover Square
London W1R 9AH

THORN EMI



J240610

South East Thames Regional Health Authority

Regional General Manager

c.£40,000 plus performance related pay
up to 20%

Applications are invited by South East Thames Regional Health Authority for the post of Regional General Manager, to take office in succession to Mr P.H.J. Le Fleming on his reaching compulsory retirement age.

The Region is responsible through its fifteen District Health Authorities for providing health care for 3.6 million people living in South East London, Kent and East Sussex. It manages combined revenue and capital budgets of approaching £1 billion, and includes nearly 80,000 staff.

As its Chief Officer, the General Manager is personally responsible to the Authority for providing relevant information and advice, for the overall management of its business, for implementing its decisions, and for the motivation and development of its staff. Applicants, male or female, should be able to demonstrate qualities of

leadership and a successful record of managing change and improving performance in a large organisation. The salary for this post will be c.£40,000, and a performance-related pay scheme is also in operation. The appointment will be on a short-term rolling contract, initially of three years' duration.

An information package is available on request to the Chairman's Office, telephone 0424-730073 ext 2409, and applications in the form of a full curriculum vitae should be addressed in confidence to the Chairman, Sir Peter Baldwin KCB at South East Thames Regional Health Authority, Thrift House, Collington Avenue, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN39 3NQ, to reach him no later than Friday 22 January 1988. It is intended to interview shortlisted applicants during the week commencing 22 February 1988.



APPLIED PSYCHOLOGISTS

Analyse your own potential

Could you see yourself as part of the UK's leading team of occupational psychologists? In today's competitive business environment we find the companies who know how to develop the full potential of their human resources are the ones who stay ahead. That's why many of them turn to PA, a recognised leader in the field of Applied Psychology.

Our techniques, though highly innovative, are directly applicable to the real and practical needs of industry and its workforce.

As part of a 20-strong nationwide unit, you will work on a broad range of projects to improve organisational performance and efficiency. We work with organisations to solve a range of issues and have consequently developed expertise in a number of key areas. For example, state-of-the-art assessment techniques, career planning and human resource strategy. This work has provided our team with enormous scope, challenge, and

opportunities to develop their own ideas and expertise. Many of our projects are long term; almost all are at a senior level.

We're looking for qualified occupational psychologists who have a proven ability to apply advanced theory to practical solutions. Ideally from a consultancy background, you should be capable of dealing effectively with a wide range of industrial and commercial clients.

Rewards reflect our market-leading position in this fast-growing industry and include a top salary and excellent benefits.

Please forward your cv to Dr Lynda Gratton, Manager, Assessment and Development Group, PA Personnel Services, Hyde Park House, 60a Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LE.



PA Personnel Services

FRENCH PROPERTY SALES

OTE £18,000

(including good basic salary)

Prudential International Property is the leading overseas property sales organisation in the U.K. To sell our French and Swiss property portfolio to U.K. purchasers you will need the following:-

- (1) Proven sales track record — most of your time will be spent on the telephone.
- (2) Capacity to achieve substantial pre-set targets and ability to work under pressure.
- (3) Fluent written and spoken French, plus good written and oral communication skills and good academic standard.
- (4) Knowledge of France (specifically the Côte d'Azur) and the French way of life.
- (5) Personable, lively character with plenty of initiative.
- (6) Experience in a service industry (not necessarily property) preferred.

We offer a friendly working environment in Hampstead and the opportunity to progress within Europe's leading estate agency group. Please send your CV and a letter explaining why you are right for this position to: Robin Jackson, London Manager, Prudential Property Services, 116 Kensington High Street, London W8 7RW.

PRUDENTIAL
International Property

PERSONNEL & OFFICE SERVICES MANAGER

As a result of internal promotion within our London Offices, we are currently seeking an experienced Personnel & Office Services Manager.

The successful applicant will take full responsibility for all personnel functions from secretarial and administration staff selection through to close liaison with all partners and staff.

Equally important are the maintenance of all office services and administration, purchase of equipment, liaison with suppliers and contractors, and general supervision of the secretarial division.

Previous experience gained from a legal environment is preferred and candidates would need to demonstrate good communication and organisational skills and supervisory expertise.

The salary offered will be commensurate with the level of this position and will include a generous pension scheme.

Please send full career details, including present salary, to Abby Edwards (acting consultant), 44-46 Kingsway, London WC2E 6JF. Tel: 01-831 0917.

HEALD
NICKINSON
Solicitors

LONDON
CAMBERLEY · MILTON KEYNES

UNIX

Honeywell XPS100 MINI COMPUTER
SALESPERSON-ANALYST
DIRECTOR DESIGNATE

Are you a successful computer salesperson-analyst with knowledge of Unix and commercial software looking for an opportunity in London & Home Counties to grow with an expanding Honeywell V.A.S. Alternative salary & commission package. Please contact John White on 01-877 5336 (office hours)

PGA

THE PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION
Invites applications for the position of
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR**

Apply in writing, enclosing a Curriculum Vitae, and marking the envelope strictly private and confidential to:

**D.A. Nash Esq., Chairman
PGA National Headquarters,
Apollo House, The Belfry
Sutton Coldfield,
West Midlands B76 9PT**

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN CHAIR OF PETROLEUM GEOLOGY

As part of its bid to become a major centre for research and teaching in branches of Geology related to the origin, discovery, evaluation and extraction of petroleum, the University of Aberdeen is seeking a Professor to direct and stimulate developments in this field. The successful candidate would be expected to lead a strong research group and to be involved in the appointment and transfer of new staff. The ability to initiate innovative research in the broad field of Petroleum Geology, and good contacts within the petroleum industry are essential.

Salary will be not less than £28,820 per annum, the professional average from 1.3.88.

Further particulars and application forms from the Personnel Section, The University, Regent Walk, Aberdeen AB9 1FX (tel 0224 273500) to whom applications (2 copies) should be returned by 15 January 1988. (Ref WD/083).

01-481 4481

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

01-481 4481

A High Profile, Commercial Role with a substantial North Sea Operator

Oil Industry

Joint Ventures

Make a substantial impact in a proactive role where success can lead to significant career development. Join the expanded commercial division of a British subsidiary, part of a major energy group, as the Company emerges as a notable producer of oil as well as gas.

You will ensure that the Company maximises its commercial potential in terms of oil production, allocation of blended crude and its substantial investment in both a major pipeline and terminal. This will entail the development and monitoring of an allocation model and, as commercial representative for petroleum, frequent external liaison with operators, participating companies and government agencies; and internally with senior operations, finance and taxation personnel.

A graduate, you have a technical/engineering background, gained through qualification or experience

and have spent at least three years within the oil or chemicals industry. You are computer literate, commercially aware and capable of negotiating, on a technical level, with credibility and conviction.

The position is London based and involves short trips throughout the UK and Europe. In addition to a competitive, index-linked salary, there is a comprehensive benefits package including generous relocation where appropriate.

Please telephone or write (in complete confidence) with CV, to:

Sue Jaggar,
Simpson Crowden Consultants Limited,
Specialists in Executive Search and Selection,
97/99 Park Street,
London W1Y 3HA.
Telephone: 01-629 5909.

Simpson Crowden
CONSULTANTS

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

Bucks

£18,000 + Car

Our client is a progressive and well-renowned international firm of consulting engineers. With a worldwide staff of approximately 450, of which 150 are UK based, they are now seeking to appoint a key individual within their recently revised corporate structure.

Reporting at director/partner level the appointee will be responsible for the personnel and administration functions of the group. Duties will include personnel management, development and training together with the review and up-dating of administrative policies. In addition, the more usual responsibilities of recruitment, staff appraisal and general administration should obviously be performed.

The successful candidate is likely to be aged 33-42 and of graduate calibre. You will require excellent interpersonal and communication skills, as the ability to interface effectively throughout all levels of management and staff is of vital importance. Your experience to date will display a proven record of achievement within personnel management, preferably within an international group. An IPM qualification is also considered desirable.

If you consider yourself appropriate for the above position then please contact JAMES HYDE on 01-925 0453, or alternatively write enclosing full details to the address below.

ROBERT WALTERS ASSOCIATES

EXECUTIVE SELECTION
10 Charles II Street London SW1Y 4AA Telephone: 01-925 0453

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVES SECRETARIAT SECRETARIAT MANAGER

W3 £17,976 to £18,768
PLUS up to 15% performance plusage
PLUS lump sum car allowance (2,000 miles p.a.)

The post of Secretariat Manager heads the small team working directly to the Chief Executive at the centre of an Authority with a reputation for innovation, imagination and flair. Arun is in the forefront of best local government practice.

The Secretariat supports the Chief Executive in areas of:-

- ★ Strategic Management
- ★ Corporate Image Initiatives
- ★ Policy Development
- ★ Performance Achievement

Arun is an attractive place to live and work - a District with a unique blend of coast and countryside.

The ideal candidate will be a graduate and/or a holder of a professional qualification with proven management skills.

For comprehensive details regarding this post, please contact Mrs Sheila Knight, Personnel Unit, Arun District Council, The Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN17 5LF. Telephone - 0903-716133 Ext. 3167.

Closing date 8th January 1988

Arun District

Sales Specialists

IBM Communications Surrey

In a demanding, fast-moving environment such as our client's you will be called upon to apply all your resources, imagination and flair, developing your career as the company continues its impressive growth.

Astute, personable and highly-motivated, you will relish the opportunity and challenge of forging lasting relationships with large corporate IBM mainframe users. Your technical appreciation of the hardware/communications market will provide the vision to anticipate your customers' short and long term needs.

Naturally you'll be well rewarded: basic salary is £18K - £20 plus car and, with no upper limit on your commission earnings, we expect you to earn £30K in your first year.

You'll be impressed by our client's technical experience and professionalism. If you can impress us with your contact Terry Kennedy on 0784 31242 (day) or 0784 33396 (evenings), or send your c.v. to Austin Knight Selection, Knightway House, Band Lane, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9NX. Quoting reference YS301.

MARSH & PARSONS

RESIDENTIAL LETTINGS NEGOTIATOR

Required by a leading independent firm of London Estate Agents. Based at Sloane Square, the successful candidate will be part of a hardworking & enthusiastic team and will have relevant experience. A high degree of initiative and the ability to work without supervision will be expected. In return, a realistic basic salary and a generous commission structure will be provided. Please apply in writing with CVs to:

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT,
MARSH & PARSONS,
8 KENSINGTON CHURCH STREET,
LONDON W8 4LE

TRAINEE FINANCIAL ADVISORS

An opportunity for a few select trainees to join a leading financial services company. High standards of training, rising steadily with an opportunity to earn. Call Peter Ross on 01 629 2230

YOUR VOICE

Self advertising over the phone in national quality publications. Savings depend on efforts. Based in our London office. Immediate start. Call Mike Player on 01 624 3155

LEROY SOMER

AREA SALES MANAGERS (2 Positions)

Neg. Salary + Bonus - Northern England - Midlands + some adjacent counties

Leroy Somer, a French company and Europe's leading rotating machinery manufacturer, are looking to appoint two Area Sales Managers.

Reporting to the UK sales manager the successful applicants will be responsible for sales of electric motors, geared motors and DC motors across broadened geographical areas, depending on their own location. The initial target will be to extend the service offered to existing clients and, then, to seek new business opportunities and establish a substantial increase in the areas turnover.

Preferably aged 25/35 you will be an experienced and commercially orientated SALESPERSON, ideally in power transmission products, and have either an HND or degree in electro-mechanical engineering. Initial product/technical training will be given at our headquarters in France, followed by continuous guidance on the job in the UK. Career prospects are good for high calibre candidates.

An attractive salary package will be negotiated according to experience and will include a company car, free BUPA, contributory pension scheme and all related business expenses.

Written applications with a comprehensive CV should be sent to Mrs F Brown, Leroy Somer Electric Motors Ltd, Unit 9, Riverside Way, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 2YF. (No Agencies/Consultants)

PROPERTY DIRECTOR (ACQUISITION) £100,000

Comprising basic salary to £65,000 + impressive fringe benefits and profit related bonus in the region of £35,000.

This appointment, based in Central London, offers an outstanding opportunity to join a small, close-knit, multi-disciplinary team controlling a Development Company which is expanding from its core activity of motorist service areas and edge-of-town retailing into wider commercial and residential markets.

The successful candidate will probably be a Chartered Surveyor, between 35-45 years of age, who must have the capacity to work constructively under stress and the ability to handle the complexities of site acquisition and current development practice, combined with decisiveness and sound commercial judgement in the application of entrepreneurial skills.

Candidates will be expected to demonstrate a proven track record of success in this field. Extensive travel within the UK will be involved.

Apply in confidence to the Director or his Confidential Assistant, Sarah Carter, quoting 1591/DSL.

"The Official Recruitment Consultancy of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors"



Surveyors

Appointments

Consultancy

12 Great George Street, London SW1P 3AG, Telephone: 01-222 7001.
24 Hour Answering Service 01-222 0877

Today

Has the following Library vacancies

Assistant Librarian

We have a vacancy for a qualified librarian in the newspaper's reference library.

The successful candidate will have good reference skills interlarded with experience of online retrieval and a positive enthusiasm for current affairs. Energy, adaptability and the ability to work under pressure, but as part of a team, are important in the often hectic atmosphere of a daily newspaper.

As the library is open six days a week shift work is required.

Picture Library Assistant

We have a vacancy in Britain's only newspaper colour picture library. The successful candidates will have experience and enthusiasm for pictures plus a good knowledge of current affairs and sport. The ability to both work under pressure and deal with routine duties is important. We are particularly seeking a person with a preference for late shift working.

Electronic Archivist-Weekends

We have a vacancy for a suitably qualified person in the newspaper's reference library.

We require someone to join a young team in a demanding and interesting environment to electronically archive the paper over both days. Keyboard skills are a prerequisite for this post.

Good salary 5 weeks holiday, Bupa and other company benefits.

Write, with full c.v. to:

Mr B. Clifford,
Personnel Manager,
TODAY,
70 Vauxhall Bridge Road,
LONDON,
SW1V 2RP.

Managing Director

PIG IMPROVEMENT COMPANY

PIC is world leader in the genetic improvement, production and supply of hybrid breeding pigs. It turns over £60m, is highly profitable and has operations in twenty countries. It forms part of Dalgety PLC, a major worldwide food and agribusiness group. Growth has been, and continues to be, rapid.

• A NEW APPOINTMENT as Managing Director at an international level is to be made with a remit to lead the company forward to its full potential. The aim is to double turnover and profitability in five years.

• THE PREREQUISITES are proven business and general management capability acquired in an agricultural industry context, an understanding of livestock breeding or production and intellectual calibre evidenced by an appropriate degree or professional qualification. International exposure would be of value. Candidates need not be of British origin.

• PREFERRED AGE: 40's. Base Oxfordshire. Salary negotiable around £50,000 plus eligibility for results related bonus, stock options and usual large company ancillary benefits.

Write in complete confidence to:

St. James's Corporate Consulting,
Dept 50, St. James's House, 4/7 Red Lion Court,
Fleet Street, London EC4A 3EB.

THE QUEEN'S GALLERY BUCKINGHAM PALACE

SHOP SUPERVISOR

The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, has a new and enlarged gift shop. We now seek a supervisor to take responsibility for the day to day management of the shop, including staff, accounts, stock and ticket sales.

It is a very important and high profile role. We would like to hear from young but experienced retail professionals with commercial awareness, an innovative approach, and well developed management skills. The successful candidate will be well presented, have confidence, poise and excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

It is anticipated that this position will offer a salary of c£10,000 plus benefits.

Please write in confidence, enclosing CV, to Anne Routledge quoting reference 3093.

KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock

Executive Selection & Search
9 Creed Lane, London EC4V 5BR.

COME AND TEACH US A FEW LESSONS

Allders have recently reached new heights of excellence with the opening of their exciting 4th Floor Complex.

If you can develop our 700 workforce to match these standards of excellence then the position of TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER within our professional Personnel Department can be yours. Demonstrate to us that your experience, preferably gained within the retail sector, meets our requirements by sending your full CV to: Patricia Davies Personnel and Training Controller Allders of Croydon, North End, Croydon CR9 1SB

The Rewards

Salary package up to £16,000
Generous Staff Discounts
Contributory Pension Scheme
Staff Restaurant

ALLDERS
OF CROYDON



01-481 4481

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

01-481 4481

Working for Hill Samuel
Investment Services
Limited means...

... working for one of Britain's best known and most respected financial organisations
... undertaking a thorough and extremely comprehensive training in every aspect of personal financial services
... having the full support of your local office
... receiving ample opportunity to develop a successful career and to earn a very substantial remuneration package (Office facilities provided).
Interested? If you are smart, intelligent and aged between 25-55, talk to:

John Stafford, North of the Thames on (0923) 229241 or, Keith Agnew, South of the Thames on 01-686 4355, or write to: John Stafford, Hill Samuel Investment Services, Star House, Clarendon Road, Watford, Herts WD1 1LP.

HILL SAMUEL
INVESTMENT SERVICES

SENIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR

SENIOR CONTRACTS MANAGER
Career Position — Sydney Australia

Our client, a major international engineering and contracting group, specialising in the electrical and mechanical services areas, requires an experienced REGIONAL CONTRACTS MANAGER for a permanent position in Sydney, Australia.

The company is expanding — highly respected, and one of the largest of its type in the country.

You will report directly to the General Manager, and should have significant experience in Quantity Surveying/

Contracts Administration, with an emphasis on the formation and negotiation of contract claims.

An excellent senior management salary package will be offered which will include a motor car, superannuation and all removal costs.

It is intended that interviews will be conducted during January/February and interested candidates should send resumes to Peter Keene by fax — No. 61-2-2411477 or post to the address below.

KEENE CONSULTING

Level 3, Kyle House, Macquarie Place, Sydney
NSW 2000 Australia — Phone: 61-2-2513388A CAREER
IN SALES

Opportunities exist for experienced or trainee individuals throughout the UK in the following industries:

Medical
FMSO
Office Equipment
Automotive Products
If you are a good communicator with the drive and ambition to succeed, our clients will provide training, basic salary + commission + car + expenses.
If you feel that you fit the above then please telephone: (0933 222227) or send current C.V. to: FALCON CRUISE RECRUITMENT SERVICE, 2nd Floor, Eastern Chancery, Wellington House, Wellington, Northants.

WHICH CAREER
SUITS BEST?

Professional Guidance and Assessment for all ages.
15-24 yrs Courses, Careers 25-34 yrs Progress, Changes 35-44 yrs Review, 2nd Careers
Full details in free brochure: ● ● ● CAREER ANALYSTS ● ● ● 01-935 5452 (24 hrs) ● ● ●

Tourism Australia

OFFICE MANAGER

Tourism Australia, the statutory authority of the Australian Government, is an innovative and forward-looking organisation, responsible for the marketing of Australia internationally as a tourist destination.

A permanent position of office manager is currently available based in our London office. The office manager is responsible for:

- Controlling and maintaining all account records, payment of accounts, invoicing, bank reconciliations, expenditure and budget control, preparation of annual budgets, cash flow estimates and VAT returns etc.
- Must become fully conversant with all Tourism Australia regulations and staff allowances, and be responsible for their implementation and upkeep.
- To be responsible for the day to day supervision of office staff and arrange for temporary assistance, maintenance of the necessary goods and services required by the office.

The successful applicant will become an integral part of a small highly motivated team. The person we are seeking need not have tertiary accounting qualifications but considerable book-keeping experience is essential. A salary between the range of £13,500 - £14,000 is envisaged.

Applications should be marked confidential and forwarded by Friday 19th December 1987 to:

Area Manager UK & Ireland
Tourism Australia
4th Floor
Heathcoat House
20 Savile Row
London W1X 1AE

BANKING AND ACCOUNTANCY

BSC Industry

Investment
Accountant
c.£17,000 + car

BSC Industry Ltd. is the job creation arm of the British Steel Corporation, providing finance in the form of unsecured and secured loans, and share capital to start-ups, expanding and relocating companies in the steel closure areas.

Based at the Head Office in Croydon, the successful applicant will manage the investment portfolio of the company. Reporting to the Investment Manager, your prime responsibilities will be:

- evaluation of business plans supporting applications for finance
- preparation of investment documentation
- implementation of investments
- restructuring and rescheduling of investments, credit control and company monitoring.

You will possess good inter-personal skills necessary in dealing with client companies, their bankers and financial advisers. Candidates, aged 25 to 35, will be qualified or finalist and educated to degree standard. Please send full c.v. together with details of your remuneration package, to:

Mrs D Coles
British Steel Corporation
9 Albert Embankment
London SE1 7SN

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

Expanding Northwest manufacturer of conveyor and power transmissions belts seeks financial controller, with view to promotion to board/company secretary within two years. Duties will include monthly and annual accounts, supervision of salaries and VAT, and cash control. Attractive salary/benefits package. Suit FCMA/ACMA in 30's looking for advancement and long-term career development. This is an excellent opportunity to become a key member of a growing company.

Please write with C.V. to:
The Managing Director
Stephens Miraclo Extremities Ltd.
Tudor House, Tudor Industrial Estate
Dakinsfield, Cheshire SK16 4RN

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY

Acting on behalf of top multinationals and smaller, specialist MCS firms, our brief is to identify graduate accountants of the highest calibre. Experienced Consultants are also sought for MCS divisions of leading accountancy firms. Your skills and commitment will be matched with excitement and justifiably high rewards. Call Mark Masson CA.

MERCHANT BANKING:

NEWLY QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

£22,000 to £27,000
We have been retained by two leading merchant banks to locate recently qualified accountants, ideally with banking experience. Your focus will be centred upon financial accountancy and reporting, systems development, and financial/business analysis. Call Mark Masson CA.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

Continued growth has created this outstanding opportunity within a household name banking group. Based in cosmopolitan Brighton, the task will be to oversee the preparation of financial and statutory accounts, and to develop reporting procedures and systems. You should be qualified, enthusiastic, and proactive. Call John Davis.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

c.£17,000
Take responsibility for analysis and interpretation of accounting data and develop a comprehensive management information service for the USA, using IBM/Lotus/etc. Strong communicative skills will be as important as a good academic and professional background in determining your success with this expanding company based in Bucks. Call Diane Bolton.

Call Mark Masson CA : 01-831 2288
John Davis : 0273 29822
Diane Bolton : 0734 502881

31 Southampton Row, London WC1B 5HJ
130A Western Road, Brighton, BN1 2LA
60 Kings Road, Reading RG1 3AA

Gabriel Duffy Consultancy

31 SOUTHAMPTON ROW · LONDON · WC1B 5HJ

ADMINISTRATION
CO-ORDINATOR

£14,000

East London

NEWHAM COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

Appeal
Director

The College, founded in 1871 and a pioneer in women's higher education, has set up a Trust with a £ multi-million target to provide for both urgent renewal of its listed buildings and long-term academic development.

This is a rare opportunity for a dynamic professional with an outstanding record in fund-raising or related disciplines. Applicants must offer first-class organisational skills, and commitment to the Trust's aims. The successful candidate is likely to be within the 35-55 age range.

Salary not less than £18,000 with benefits. Based in College.

Write in confidence, as soon as possible with full cv to:
Alan Finch, Charity Appointments,
3 Spital Yard, Bishopsgate, London E1 6AQ.

Charity
Appointments

A registered charity providing selection services to the voluntary sector

Opportunities
In Production
Management

Redland Bricks Limited manufactures high quality facing bricks for the whole UK market. Due to our successes in marketing our products, we are commissioning a new plant, just north of Horsham, Sussex.

One of the key posts in the new plant will be the Process Manager, responsible for the co-ordination of process management and plant maintenance.

You will have an engineering background and ideally be conversant with PLC's, computers and electronics. You will have gained man management experience in a production environment.

Specials Manager

To run a "special brick" department within this plant. This role will involve close liaison with Sales force and customers as well as the management of a production process. Your first task will be to set up the department from scratch.

You will be an enthusiastic graduate in your mid-twenties with man management experience in either industry or the forces. This will probably be your second job.

We are offering exciting "green field" opportunities, competitive salaries, relocation assistance and other benefits associated with a large company. To apply, please telephone Robert Groves, Personnel Officer, Redland Bricks Limited, Graylands, PO Box 7, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 4QC on 0402-211222 for further details and an application form.

Redland Bricks

Accounts and
Administration
Assistant

We are looking for an intelligent and numerate person with a good standard of written and spoken English for administrative work and fee collection for independent schools. The post is a responsible one and would suit someone with relevant office experience or a young graduate seeking a career in administration.

Details from MCS,
25 Marylebone Road,
London, NW1 5JP.
Tel: 01-935 3723.

ADVERTISING SALES

ON TARGET EARNINGS £40K p.a.

The launch of a series of major international titles has created opportunities for effective ambitious sales people. If you are able to talk to senior executives in a professional and convincing manner then we would like to talk to you.
There are likely to be early management opportunities for the most successful applicants.
In the first instance please call David Conway or Ben Crocker on 01-249 1515.

LEASING

Our business is the development and packaging of innovative Leasing and other Asset Finance transactions. We are seeking additional staff with analytical and business development skills. We can offer a rapid widening of experience in all aspects of the subject and in the market place together with a highly competitive remuneration package.

Applications should be addressed to:
John Lenton, Managing Director
Causway Finance Limited
21 Cavendish Place, London, W1M 9DL
Telephone 01-634-3073

SUCCESSFUL
JOB SEARCHARE YOU A SENIOR EXECUTIVE
SEEKING A NEW APPOINTMENT?

We are professionals who can advise and help you. Since 1980, Connaught's executive clients have accessed unadvertised vacancies, obtained interviews, found the right jobs and reduced job search time. Contact us for an exploratory meeting. It is without charge and we will tell you if we can help and at what cost it may be easier than you think. If you are currently abroad, enquire about our Executive Expat Service.

32 Savile Row, London W1X 1AG
Tel: 01-734 3879 (24 hours)

Connaught

RENTAL
NEGOTIATORfor busy
Winbledon office.

Applicants should be:
★ Experienced with a proven track record.
★ Ambitious
★ Self Motivated
★ Personable
This excellent position offers a good basic salary, commission and company car. Please apply to:
Mrs. Mary Harris,
Hornby Hill Limited,
High Street,
Crowthorne, Surrey,
(037284) 3611.

KEY ACCOUNTS
EXECUTIVE

c.£17k + car (with phone)

Northampton and Bedfordshire area
Packaging Materials specialists.
References 41/115.
PACKAGING
SALES
EXECUTIVE
c.£15k + car + benefits
Berkshire and Oxford area
Clearly aged 25-35
A major manufacturer in the
packaging industry.
References 41/115.
For further details on these
and other sales vacancies
contact:
Premiere Employment
0442 221 576.

ASSISTANT EDITOR

for International Journal
Management Magazine
covering Africa and the
Middle East.
Experience of editing and layout
necessary.
Probably April 23-28.
0-10 months' salary. Salary to
be worked out. Apply to:
ACF Ltd.,
27 Wilton Street,
London, SW1E 6PL.

ITALY Four person

117/901 required to join Italian
Sales Group travelling throughout
Italy and surrounding countries for
local and temporary sales. The
group will be based in Rome and
will be responsible for the sale of
Italian products and services.
Candidates should be experienced
in job training, sales, marketing,
and travel. Salary and benefits
to be worked out. Apply to:
ACF Ltd.,
27 Wilton Street,
London, SW1E 6PL.

REG/SAL/255 enquiries
also publish in SW5, Tel 01
480 0800.

01-481 4481

01-481 4481

BANKING & ACCOUNTANCY

01-481 4481

Commercial Accountant

... subsidiary of a major multinational
North Bucks c£21,000 package

Our client is an entrepreneurial hi-tech manufacturing company operating in a worldwide market with over 50% of its turnover generated from exports. They have established themselves as a market leader with a very prestigious client base. Turnover has increased significantly in recent years and is planned to double within the next five-year period.

They now wish to appoint a Commercial Accountant to take responsibility for advising the General Manager of their Advanced Products Division, which is seen as the key to further expansion. The successful applicant will provide significant input into the commercial direction of the company including evaluation of new product lines and market areas. The role will also involve management of a small divisional finance team and responsibility for developing computerised accounting systems.

Applicants should be recently qualified accountants aged 25+, attitude and ability being far more important than relevant experience. A positive intelligent 'hands on' approach and strong business acumen are, therefore, the key personal characteristics required for this high profile role.

Interested candidates should contact Richard Wright on St. Albans (0727) 65813 or write to him at Michael Page Partnership, Centurion House, 136-142 London Road, St. Albans, Herts AL1 1SA.

MP

Michael Page Partnership

International Recruitment Consultants
London Bristol Windsor St Albans Leatherhead Birmingham Nottingham Manchester Leeds Glasgow & Worldwide
A member of Addison Consultancy Group PLC

A NEW ROLE IN
AN EXPANDING LEISURE
OPERATION

Granada Leisure, a company within the widely diversified Granada Group, is a major name in the leisure and entertainment business. Highly successful, dynamic and innovative in outlook, we are expanding rapidly by acquisition, by development of existing outlets and by moving into brand new green field leisure ventures designed to meet the needs of the '90s and beyond.

ASSISTANT
COMPANY SECRETARY
NEGOTIABLE SALARY + CAR + BENEFITS

We are now seeking a high calibre man or woman to be responsible to the Company Secretary primarily for our highly complex licensing activities covering gaming, liquor and entertainment at some 70 sites countrywide. Fully supported by a well established and highly competent team you will be involved in a wide and challenging variety of duties including risk management, corporate acquisitions, provision of legal advice to departments and general company secretarial work for both Granada Leisure and its subsidiaries.

It's a role calling for a fully or part-qualified Chartered Secretary, ideally with a Law degree, having a sound knowledge of company, contract and property law. Self motivation, well developed interpersonal and administrative skills and a good commercial background are essential. Preferred age is 28-35.

A highly attractive salary will be negotiated which will fully reflect the importance we place on this position. In addition, we offer a company car, pension and life assurance and, where appropriate, assistance with relocation. Career development prospects for the person with the qualities and experience we seek, are excellent.

Interested candidates should, in the first instance, write with full C.V. to John Lane at Granada Leisure, 33 Frogmore, Park Street, St. Albans, Herts AL2 2NG. Application forms are obtainable by telephoning (0727) 72090.

GRANADA
leisure

PURE ENTERTAINMENT

New Careers in Personal Finance

Hill Samuel Personal Finance, the rapidly expanding consumer finance and banking division of one of Britain's largest financial services groups wishes to make two new senior appointments to strengthen its financial team.

Financial Analyst

Reporting to the Chief Accountant, the successful applicant will be responsible for a variety of projects directed towards the improvement of the overall profitability of the consumer finance division based in London SW1. This is essentially a strategic role and requires candidates to be both highly numerate and commercially aware. A relevant degree and familiarity with microcomputer modelling and database management techniques are preferred.

Accountant

The successful applicant will be a graduate and intending to qualify as a Certified Accountant. Good experience in an accounts environment is essential, involving daily accounts administration, computerised systems, control procedures and use of PCs. The post will report to the Chief Accountant and the task will be to assist him in the control and recording of daily transactions, the development and implementation of procedures and controls and in all aspects of management accounting including reporting to external supervisory bodies. The position is based at the modern offices of the banking and mortgage division adjacent to East Croydon Station.

Both positions carry full banking benefits including low cost mortgage and profit sharing with a salary of c£10,500 p.a. dependant on qualifications and experience.

Please apply with brief c.v. to:
Mr. P. J. Handford, Personnel Officer,
Hill Samuel Personal Finance Limited,
6 Greenoak Place, London SW1P 1PL.
Telephone: 01-828 5241.

HILL SAMUEL
PERSONAL FINANCE LIMITEDACCOUNTS
SUPERINTENDENT
Insurance, Westminster

We require a newly qualified Accountant or Finalist to supervise a large section dealing with computerised accounts.

Duties will include returns to Department of Trade and Industry, assisting with preparation of quarterly and annual company accounts, information for Management and Board meetings and overseeing the accounting computer system.

The successful candidate will have had a few years' experience preferably in a general insurance company dealing with computerised accounts and be able to demonstrate the ability to supervise staff.

An attractive salary commensurate with age and experience will be offered together with the usual fringe benefits associated with a well established company.

Applicants should write in confidence with full details to:

Mrs. S.M. Edmon,
Assistant Manager - Personnel,
Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd.
25/27 Old Queen Street
Westminster
LONDON SW1H 9TH

We are an equal opportunity employer.

COMPANY FINANCIAL
CONTROLLER

c.£19,000 plus car and bonus

Our client has established an enviable reputation as a supplier of automotive components where high quality and exacting performance standards are essential. They sell to the British and European markets from two plants in the UK. Sales are budgeted to double between 1986 and 1988.

In order to plan and manage this growth, a vacancy has arisen for a Company Financial Controller. Reporting to the Finance Director, the Financial Controller will be responsible for the Company's consolidated accounts and central accounts functions of overhead and capital control.

Candidates will have a good educational background and an accounting qualification. Experience of modern computerised reporting techniques and exposure to Group/Head Office environment would be useful advantages. This position will be ideal for someone who has recently qualified in a large manufacturing background and seeks a career move to a small fast growing business. The location is a pleasant market town in Eastern England and the remuneration package will include relocation expenses as necessary.

Please write with full details of age, experience and qualifications including present position and salary to the address below quoting ref 1011/TT. In the event of difficulty with the postal system, please feel free to telephone 0602 411238 anytime to make your application. No information will be divulged to our client without your permission.

CB-Linnell Limited

7 College Street, Nottingham NG1 5AQ.
SEARCH & SELECTION CONSULTANTS
NOTTINGHAM - LONDON

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT
INTERNATIONAL FILM DISTRIBUTION COMPANY

As part of its expansion programme, the Company, a leader in its field, requires a qualified accountant to take responsibility for the day to day control of the accounting functions at its U.K. headquarters.

Fully experienced in the preparation of Management and Statutory accounts, the applicant should also be computer literate and will be responsible for the transfer of the company's systems from the present, substantially manual base, to a fully computer based operation in the near future.

A "shirt sleeves" approach will be required for this demanding position as the successful applicant will be expected to make a major contribution to the development of the accounting functions.

Salary: £20,000 + CAR

Apply in writing to:
The Company Secretary, J&M Entertainment
2 Dorset Square, London NW1 6PU

PROJECT
ACCOUNTANT

South Hampshire £15,000 + Benefits

As a large family owned group involved in Animal Feed Manufacture, Flour Milling, Baking, Property Development and acquisitions require a Project Accountant to assist in the company's future growth. This newly created position would suit a young recently qualified accountant or business studies graduate in his or her twenties or early thirties with some experience. The range of responsibilities will involve the further development of the existing computer system, production of management accounts and investigations into the viability of future projects. The successful applicant will report direct to the Managing Director.

Please write with full C.V. to:

The Managing Director,
Botley Flour Milling Company
Limited,
Botley, Southampton,
Hants SO3 2GB

POTENTIAL MANAGERS
to £20,000 early review

You are probably a Senior or P.A. in a firm of Chartered Accountants keen to break out of account preparation into a managerial position where you can handle your own portfolio, liaise with clients and managers. We are dealing with a down market in "Nottingham" "Newcastle" "Birmingham" "Glasgow" "Reading" "Manchester" "Maidstone" "Chelmsford" and LONDON looking for people like you. Call

VIVIANNE ROWE on
01 242 5321 at
PERSONNEL RESOURCES

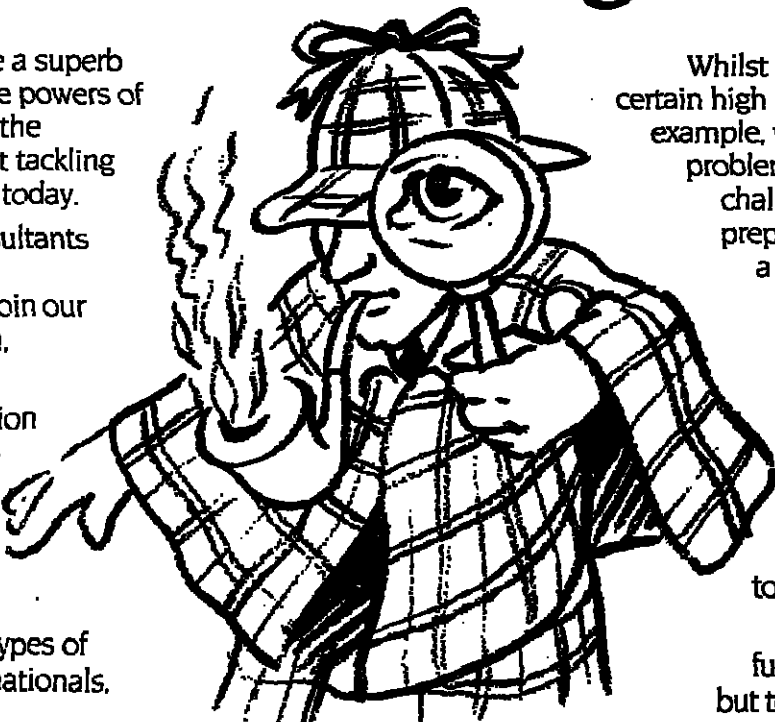
At Touche Ross Management Consultants
no standard solutions are sought
and none are given.

Sherlock Holmes would have made a superb management consultant. With his unique powers of deduction and an ability to look beyond the obvious, he would surely have excelled at tackling the often complex business problems of today.

At Touche Ross Management Consultants we admire and actively seek people with disciplined, strongly creative qualities to join our thriving practice, in London, Birmingham, Manchester or Glasgow.

We have earned an enviable reputation for technical excellence and performance over a wide, prestigious client base; a reputation we wish to enhance by bringing aboard a further complement of naturally gifted problem solvers.

Our project work ranges across all types of business, from small companies to multinationals, nationalised industries and government departments.



Whilst deerstalkers are not elementary to success, certain high level requirements are. You must, for example, want exposure to current technical problems. You must want the pressure of constant challenge and change. And you must be prepared to tackle each client assignment as a 'one-off' - basing each recommendation on its own individual merit. There are no standard solutions here!

Our other demands are a good first degree (preferably with an MBA or appropriate professional qualification). The salary is up to £35,000 plus car, and the upper age limit is around 40. There is ample scope to achieve partnership in 3-4 years.

If you are interested please write (with full cv) not to number 221b Baker Street, but to Michael Hurton, (Ref 4100), Touche Ross & Co., Thavies Inn House, 3-4 Holborn Circus, London EC1N 2HB. Tel: 01-353 7361.

Touche Ross
Management Consultants

ASSISTANT TO
FINANCIAL DIRECTOR
City £20,000 + Car
Our client, one of the leading Gold
and Silver Jewellers in the City,
wishes to recruit a person to assist
the Financial Director in his
responsibilities for the company's
accounts and to ensure control
of their highly computerised
accounting functions.

The ideal candidate will be aged 25-35 years, previously part-qualified
having gained sound commercial
experience and be eager to
further develop his/her skills
within this highly stimulating
environment.

Please telephone David Nelson on
01-242 0090/0044 or write to him
at 22, Abchurch Lane, London, EC4N 3DF.

Selected Accounts Personnel, Fin-
ance House, 70/72 High Holborn,
London, WC1V 6LS.

Chartered
Accountant
in Enfield, seeks a
part-time
personal assistant
Flexi hours available.
Would suit either a
qualified accountant
or a person very
experienced in
personal tax. Small
friendly office; four
weeks holiday.
Phone Chris
Feldman
on 363 4113

SENIOR
ACCOUNTS
CLERK.
£11,750 neg
to take sole responsi-
bility of client accounts in
busy solicitors' office.
Call Cathy
01 379 6060.

To Place Your
Classified Advertisement
Please telephone the appropriate number listed below between 9am
and 6pm, Monday to Friday, or between 9.30am and 1.00pm on
Saturdays.
Birth, Marriage and Death Notices 01-481 4400
Birth and Death notices may be accepted over the telephone.
For publication the following day please telephone by 1.30pm.
Marriage notices not appearing on the Court & Social Page
may also be accepted by telephone.
Trade Advertisers:
Appointments 01-481 4481
Public Appointments 01-481 1066
Property 01-481 1986
Travel 01-481 1989
U.K. Holidays 01-481 3698
Motors 01-481 4472
Personal 01-481 1930
Business to Business 01-481 1066
Education 01-481 4000
Private 01-481 4000
Forthcoming Marriages, Weddings, etc. for the
Court and Social Page
Cannot be accepted by telephone. Must be in writing and sent to:
Court & Social Advertising,
Times Newspapers Ltd.,
1, Pennington Street,
London E1 9JD
Please allow at least 48 hours before publication. Any enquiries for
the Court & Social Page may be made after 10.30am on 01-823 9953
or via fax.

01-481 4481

LA CRÈME DE LA CRÈME

01-481 4481

Senior Secretaries

in Management Consultancy

CHISWICK

The Management Consultancy Practice of Arthur Andersen & Co., situated in Central London and Chiswick, employs over 500 Management Consultants in the UK. Assignments are undertaken for a wide range of clients within the private and public sectors specialising in the areas of planning, designing and implementing computerised management information systems. Growth over the past decade has been rapid, and continuing expansion means that we can now offer exciting new secretarial opportunities based at our Chiswick offices.

The available positions, working for small teams of Management Consultants, would interest someone who:-

- wishes to work in a busy, stimulating environment
- wants to work as part of a dynamic team
- enjoys meeting a wide variety of people.

The successful applicants will:-

- be educated to 'O' Level standard
- be aged 22 plus and have had previous experience, preferably in a professional environment
- have a high standard of audio/typing skills (60 wpm)
- be well groomed and have a professional approach in dealing with clients
- have the ability to remain cheerful and calm under pressure.

If you are looking for a challenge coupled with enormous job satisfaction, please send your detailed CV with daytime telephone number to:

Mrs Carole Dallimore,
Arthur Andersen & Co.,
1 Surrey Street,
London WC2R 2PS.

**ARTHUR
ANDERSEN
& CO.**

Management Consultants

New Opportunities

circa £11,200

ACHIEVE POSITIVE RECOGNITION FOR YOUR PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT

As PA to a Director at this highly successful company which advises international clients in corporate finance, you will thrive in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment. Accuracy and discretion are essential. You will be fully capable of meeting important deadlines with 100% shorthand and exceptional keyboard skills. Confident and well-spoken,

you will also organise the Director's diary and travel details. Aged 24 to 35, your willingness to work a long day will be amply rewarded with a salary of £13,000 plus (depending on experience) as well as a mortgage subsidy and medical insurance. Telephone: 01-606 1611; 3-6 Trump Street EC2V 8DA

SENIOR SECRETARIES

THE RIGHT PEOPLE FOR THE RIGHT PEOPLE

HAVE YOU THE PROFESSIONALISM TO SUCCEED IN FINANCE?

Involved in research assignments, your computer operation skills will be fully utilised in the hi-tech environment provided by this established London investment trust company.

As PA to the Pension Fund Director, you will liaise at all levels, organising his active schedule and controlling all office functions during his many board and client meetings.

Aged 21 to 28 you should have director level experience, preferably in a financial environment.

Your exceptional support skills will allow you to develop the role and advance your career within this international company.

Remuneration package c.£16,000. Telephone: 01-499 0092; 173 New Bond Street W1Y 9PB

SENIOR SECRETARIES

THE RIGHT PEOPLE FOR THE RIGHT PEOPLE

Secretary to Managing Director

Redland Bricks Limited is the leading UK manufacturer of high-quality facing bricks. We are a dynamic company with a sound record of rapid growth.

We are currently seeking an experienced Secretary/PA to ensure the smooth running of our Managing Director's office, and to support him in all his communications with customers, senior colleagues, and external contacts.

You will be aged 21+, with a career encompassing experience of working at a senior level in a commercial environment. You will have had formal secretarial training following education to at least 'A' level. The role demands initiative, common-sense, and a flexible approach to work. You will be a non-smoker.

We offer an attractive salary, twenty-five days annual leave, pension scheme and other benefits that you would expect from a leading UK Company.

To apply for this position, please send your C.V. to Robert Groves, Personnel Officer, Graylands, P.O. Box 7, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 4QG or telephone 0403-211222 ext 4217 for an application form.

Redland Bricks

PA to MD

Chairman and Managing Director of a leading high-tech public relations company in near Suburban, Surrey is losing his valued PA and seeks a replacement. Applicants will need:

- First class secretarial skills including shorthand, audio and WP. Will be responsible for maintaining high secretarial standards in the company. Aiding for computers would be an advantage.
- Organising ability, and the personality to maintain good relations with clients, journalists and staff. Will be called upon to organise press conferences and company events, as well as undertaking many of the administrative duties of the office.
- A sense of humour especially under pressure.
- Plenty of energy, initiative and enthusiasm to undertake this immediately available challenging, interesting and responsible position.
- Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications.
- Non smokers preferred.

Please contact Nina Tinsley
Wickes Associates International Ltd.
Tisbury Tower
Surrey KT8 7EL
01 339 5244

SECRETARY/PA

Well educated person required for Property man in Finsbury Circus. Good secretarial skills (inc. SH) and sense of humour are essential. Age 25-35.

Salary £11,000 neg. Please Helen at
GRAMHAM NEAL & PARTNERS on 01 588 7757
(Definitely No Agencies)

TRAILFINDERS TRAVEL CENTRE

Need a go-ahead secretary aged 19/23 with WP experience. Excellent package and travel opportunities in a busy exciting environment.

CV please in confidence to:
Sue Annis
Trailfinders Travel Centre
42-48 Ears Court Road
London W8 6EJ

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

U.S. university seeks ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY to Director of London Program. In addition to general secretarial skills, organizational ability and basic bookkeeping are required. Strong educational background and experience preferred. Salary negotiable.

Send c.v. to:
Prof. C.F. Delaney,
University of Notre Dame
London Program,
7 Alchemie Street,
London W1X 8NF.

TEMPORARY SECRETARY

For a month assignment from January 1st while mine takes a sabbatical.

Very efficient and excellent shorthand and typing required. Remuneration £1,000 per month. Please telephone:
Managing Director
Mr O. S. Baber
(01 741 4401)

RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE JUNIOR

Are you a friendly, energetic, and well organized person who can handle a variety of tasks in a fast-paced office environment?

Please call
KRYSTIA MEEVAT on 248 3404 / 3329.
ANTHONY COOK ASSOCIATES

BANKING AND ACCOUNTANCY

Assistant European Financial Controller

N. HERTS £21,000+CAR+BENEFITS

Part of a major U.S. Corporation, our Client has achieved a worldwide reputation for engineering excellence in the service/hi-tech sector.

Reporting to the European Financial Controller, your responsibilities will be divided between management information reporting, financial and variance analysis, forecasting and project work in relation to the European operations. A knowledge of any European language would therefore be useful, as would exposure to European or U.S. accounting policies.

The key qualities demanded of this position include technical ability, versatility with computers, sound communication skills and flexibility in approach. Aged 25-32, you are a qualified ACA, preferably with some commercial experience. Ambition, coupled with proven success will be rewarded by excellent opportunities for further advancement.

If you are interested in the position and feel that you meet the requirements, please contact Neil Jury, Divisional Manager for further details or send your C.V. to the address below.

Telephone (0727) 35116 (out of hours (0525) 716211)
105 St Peter's Street, ST ALBANS, Herts AL1 3HH.

Management Personnel
LONDON GUILDFORD ST ALBANS WINDSOR

PIONEER HIGH FIDELITY (GB) LIMITED

Credit Manager

Pioneer is a brand leader in the Hi-Fi, video and car audio entertainment markets.

As a result of our continued growth we are seeking to recruit a Credit Manager to control our Sales Accounting Operation. Reporting to the Financial Manager, the Credit Manager will be responsible for controlling a staff of six, representing the Company at senior level to our network of customers, who range from small independent dealers through to major High Street retailers.

A sound command of all aspects of Credit Management, with previous experience of staff supervision is essential. In addition, the ideal candidate will be aged 25-35 and hold a recognised qualification in credit management. We offer a salary of c. £14,000 per annum plus company car, together with a comprehensive benefits package. C.V.'s to:

Mrs. Sheila Austin,
Personnel Department,
Pioneer High Fidelity (GB) Ltd,
Field Way, Greenford, Middlesex, UB6 8UZ
01 575 5757

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

c.£25k + Car

Our client is one of the world's leading (top five) international Advertising Agencies. Currently undergoing an exciting phase in its development (having recently gained two large accounts) they now seek a highly motivated accountant to join their team. Reporting to the F.D. you will cover a wide range of senior accounting functions including reporting regularly to the board. With a committed team beneath you it is essential that you are able to motivate and lead by example. Realising the seniority of this position only candidates able to display a high record of achievement to date need apply.

Interested applicants should telephone Andrew Livesey on 01 588 2534 or write to him at AR Executive Selection, 2 London Wall Buildings, London Wall, London EC2M 5PP.

LEGAL LA CRÈME

"Legal Secretaries!"

Do you know your conveyancing procedures inside out?
Are you now ready to take on a new executive role?

If so then you could be the person we are looking for to join our busy Conveyancing Department.

We will ask you to handle your own caseload and provide support to one of our Conveyancing Partners both of which will involve considerable client contact on a daily basis. We will expect you to demonstrate good communication skills, the ability to work under pressure and that you have a sense of humour.

In return we offer you an excellent salary and an annual bonus plus the usual benefits of working for a dynamic medium-size West End Practice.

If you would like to apply please write enclosing a full C.V. to, or telephone Miss Karen Thompson on 01-629 1209 quoting ref: RC/KL

P.O. Box 45Q, Roxburghe House, 273-287 Regent Street, London W1A 4SQ
(No Agencies)

LEGAL LA CRÈME

FIRST CLASS SEC

Required for a busy City law firm. The ideal candidate will be a professional secretary with a minimum of 5 years experience in a law firm. Salary £12,000 per annum. Please call: MARY NEWMAN 01 450 9100

ADMIN/SEC

Required for a busy City law firm. The ideal candidate will be a professional secretary with a minimum of 5 years experience in a law firm. Salary £12,000 per annum. Please call: MARY NEWMAN 01 450 9100

SUPER SECRETARIES

Administrative Assistant required for busy City law firm. The ideal candidate will be a professional secretary with a minimum of 5 years experience in a law firm. Salary £12,000 per annum. Please call: MARY NEWMAN 01 450 9100

RECEPTIONIST

Administrative Assistant required for busy City law firm. The ideal candidate will be a professional secretary with a minimum of 5 years experience in a law firm. Salary £12,000 per annum. Please call: MARY NEWMAN 01 450 9100

RECEPTIONIST

Administrative Assistant required for busy City law firm. The ideal candidate will be a professional secretary with a minimum of 5 years experience in a law firm. Salary £12,000 per annum. Please call: MARY NEWMAN 01 450 9100

RECEPTIONIST

Administrative Assistant required for busy City law firm. The ideal candidate will be a professional secretary with a minimum of 5 years experience in a law firm. Salary £12,000 per annum. Please call: MARY NEWMAN 01 450 9100

RECEPTIONIST

Administrative Assistant required for busy City law firm. The ideal candidate will be a professional secretary with a minimum of 5 years experience in a law firm. Salary £12,000 per annum. Please call: MARY NEWMAN 01 450 9100

RECEPTIONIST

Administrative Assistant required for busy City law firm. The ideal candidate will be a professional secretary with a minimum of 5 years experience in a law firm. Salary £12,000 per annum. Please call: MARY NEWMAN 01 450 9100

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

£12,000

This leading international drinks company needs a senior PA/Secretary to join the Vice President of their European Division, who is moving to the London Office in the New Year. His responsibilities cover both operational and marketing activities and he has extensive international experience. He is keen to encourage the respect of a team, and you will need to provide efficient and organised back-up, for both his personal and business life, ensuring running things smoothly in his absence, organising travel and meetings, and thinking one step ahead.

Director level experience and presentation skills are essential. The package includes excellent benefits.

Age 28-45
Speeds 100/60 + WP

Telephone
629-9686
West End Office

ANGELA MORRISON

PA

The M.D. and Senior

Investment Bankers advise a top firm of financial advisers to provide a senior PA/Secretary to the Vice President of their European Division, who is moving to the London Office in the New Year. His responsibilities cover both operational and marketing activities and he has extensive international experience. He is keen to encourage the respect of a team, and you will need to provide efficient and organised back-up, for both his personal and business life, ensuring running things smoothly in his absence, organising travel and meetings, and thinking one step ahead.

Director level experience and presentation skills are essential. The package includes excellent benefits.

Age 28-45
Speeds 100/60 + WP

Telephone
629-9686
West End Office

ANGELA MORRISON

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE IN LONDON

is seeking an Assistant to the Director of Education. Applicants must have experience in the American Educational System. In addition to typing and word processing skills, applicants must be able to work well under pressure. A University Degree and the ability to speak a second language are helpful. Salary to £10,000 dependent on experience and qualifications. Send CV to:

Lois W. Reddell,
American College in London,
100 Marylebone Lane,
London W1M 5PP

PRESTIGIOUS COMPANY

£13-£15,000 +

superb benefits (inc. generous bonus)

This major international based near Bond Street, is seeking a really capable PA/Sec (100/60). You will be working for the head of an extremely busy department to the ability to handle priorities together with a flexible approach to work are essential. With this company you will certainly gain the reputation you deserve.

Tel: Masterlock on 01-838 1846/1718 (ext. 404)

EXECUTIVE RECEPTIONIST IN PR

£10,500

This is a superb position for someone who wants to do 'pure' reception work. No typing, no answering a 500-but it is important you have the poise and the charm to meet and greet clients, and deal with people at all levels. Excellent presentation is vital along with at least 2 1/2 years experience as a receptionist. Ideal age 25-30.

Tel: Masterlock on 01-838 1846/1718. Res. Cons.

Howling success where a Doberman will not go out alone



Where football does not aim to miss the mini bus: Gordon Taylor, PFA secretary (right), hands over the keys of a community programme vehicle in Manchester to three former players, Mick Baxter, Dennis Leman and Brian Flynn

When an inner city has the ball at its feet

Unsung compared to its televised counterpart, the Samsung Soccer Six is snowballing so fast that what kicked off as a pilot scheme is soaring to commendable heights where clubs are leading their underprivileged communities out of the doldrums. PETER BALL, continuing his series, reports

The Guinness Soccer Six at Manchester's G-Mex centre, which has been occupying an otherwise slack week and filling the television screens for over an hour last night, is a classic "made for television" sponsored event. Harsh, perhaps, but lacking any intrinsic sporting merit, it is designed to give money to clubs who do not need it and maximum exposure to a product.

But on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, before G-Mex filled up and the cameras were turned on, another sponsored six-a-side competition was taking place which demonstrated a more positive side of football than the game, with its sad propensity for shooting itself in the foot, usually reveals.

Organized by the Community Football Programme, a Manpower Services Commission scheme being run at 12 west London clubs, the Samsung Soccer Six had attracted from 230 primary schools who played off the early rounds of the competition at the 12 clubs involved.

That is only the most immediately visible part of the community programme, which began 18 months ago as a pilot scheme at six clubs - Bolton, Bury, Manchester City, Manchester United, Oldham and Preston. It was so successful, reaching around 50,000 people with a variety of sporting and other activities in the first year and successfully finding jobs for over 60 per cent of its MSC workers, that it has expanded to the 12. It will shortly grow even further, with the Merseyside giants, Liverpool and Everton, and 12 Yorkshire clubs preparing to join.

Football has a long history of neglecting its community and, although the Haysell stadium and Valley Parade tragedies of 1985 awakened some recognition that the game had to do more than

SPORT IN THE CITIES

sit back and take the money, few people will be surprised to learn that it was the PFA rather than the League or the FA who took the initiative.

In particular, the PFA education officer, Mick Burns, the former Blackpool and Newcastle player, was a guiding light. "I can't praise Mick enough," said the programme's chief administrator, Roger Reade. "He grabbed it by the scruff of the neck and pushed and pushed."

But if the PFA provided the initial impetus, the clubs have responded. With grounds frequently ideally situated in the most disadvantaged areas of the inner cities, few organizations are better placed to act for those communities than football clubs. And, in spite of the years of neglect, no other organizations enjoy such a warm regard.

"What we are doing is changing the traditional attitudes of the club in the community," Burns said. "The club is a focal point and they should market themselves much better than they have done. And access to groups like ethnic minorities and the disadvantaged is easier through players and clubs than by almost any other route because of the unique position footballers hold."

Manchester City were the first club to realize the value of community involvement, their "Junior Blues" predating the current scheme by a decade, which perhaps explains their continuing hold on a large support in Manchester in spite of the vicissitudes they have experienced on the field.

Situated in Moss Side, an area of Manchester so underprivileged that, in the words of Fred Eyre, the club's former apprentice turned author and businessman, "even the Dobermanns roam in pairs," City is perfectly placed to provide for the disadvantaged.

It does so successfully, opening up its social club for tea dances attracting 200 local pensioners every Wednesday afternoon; while at the other end of the age scale club workers go into local schools to reach over 150 youngsters a week and both the car park and the training ground provide football pitches for local children and the unemployed.

Although cost has prevented the setting up of a league, the Community Football Programme has instigated a series of informal matches between unemployed teams attached to the clubs taking part in the scheme and, with the

programme moving into Yorkshire shortly, the room for expansion of that initiative is apparent.

Compared to their neighbours, Manchester United have been slow to appreciate their community obligations but they are making up for lost time in a joint project with the city of Salford - the Manchester United Salford Sports System Trust Limited. An operation between the football club and the borough, which each provide three directors, the company was set up earlier this year to promote local sport, which has a long tradition of excellence.

In the early Eighties the local council set up a Sports Federation to support and encourage voluntary sports organizations and to give minority sports a forum to form a collective approach. In return for administrative support and booking privileges, the clubs in the federation sports system, including their senior players at the city's six sports centres.

United's involvement has extended that dramatically with basketball, football and swimming being added with five full-time coaches employed to oversee the volunteer network.

"We support the trust activities at considerable expense," David Appleton, Salford's recently appointed sports development officer, said. "But we get back so much voluntary commitment that we see it as a good return on an investment. Salford runs the development programmes on sport's behalf but the whole thing is underpinned by a vast volunteer network."

Manchester United's role is also important. The other sports clubs involved have agreed to change their names to Manchester United Salford, the handball team already having competed in the European Cup under that title. The name itself is vital for attracting sponsors - a £30,000 sponsorship is being negotiated at the moment - and the interest of children.

"Kids all want to be associated with United's name," remarked Appleton, "and, of course, it is good for the club to be seen to be active in the community, so they gain and we gain. At half-term we run an inter-centre junior competition. All the United players are assigned to a centre, so they come down as team managers, etc and it was very successful."

"At October half-term we also ran a passport to sport scheme, giving kids a taste of different sports and then giving them free coaching in one of them. That had a massive response. Our main problem at the moment is that we can't cope with the number of kids coming in at Clarendon, which is a centre in the inner city, an area of high-rise blocks."

Tomorrow

Where does the money come from?

SQUASH RACKETS: PART-TIME UNSEEDED PLAYER REACHES NATIONAL FINAL

Professionals no match for Naylor

By Colin McCulligan

Ashley Naylor, the unseeded Yorkshire champion who these days plays squash only between the demands of a business management degree course on which he intends to build a non-playing future, yesterday won a place in the InterCity national championship final that a dozen young professionals had sought as foundation for competitive careers.

Naylor, aged 27 and essentially a figure from the impetuous past of British squash,

defeated Martin Bodimeade, aged 24, the England No. 6, 9-5, 9-0, 5-9, 9-7 in 74 minutes.

He came through a weakened half of the draw in much the same way as the defending champion, Bryan Broom, managed when he first appeared in 1984, to become the only other unseeded finalist in the history of the event. Broom lost that final but returned to win last year. This time he fell in the stronger half of the draw to David Harris, the British junior champion, who went on to reach a

semi-final against Neil Harvey, the top seed.

It is five years since Naylor has played on the all-transparent Perspex show court erected for these championships in Brunel's old Great Western Terminus at Bristol's Templemeads Station. A former England international, previously once a national semi-finalist, he has played only two or three national and county league games each week for the past two years with no background training at all.

Bodimeade and a clutch of other young professionals play the international circuit virtually 12 months in the year and employ tortuous training schedules.

"I came here with just two sets of playing clothes," Naylor said after his win. "I have been washing things in the land basin at my hotel every evening. I am surprised how well I am holding up."

RESULTS: Men's semi-final: A Naylor 6-1 Bodimeade, 9-5, 9-0, 5-9, 9-7. Women's semi-final: L. Scuderi 1-0 M. Morgan, 5-4, 9-4, 9-4.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Wellingborough finish with a winning burst

By George Chesterton

Wellingborough is amongst the majority of schools which have finished their Christmas term programme, and they finished with a flourish, defeating three London schools in the last ten days. They beat Chigwell 3-2, Brentwood 2-0 and most recently Highgate 1-0. Holah scored the two goals against Brentwood and the only goal against Highgate.

In their last match Lancing were also successful against Brentwood, winning 3-1. Brentwood gave away an own goal but Zahia equalised for them, tapping in from a long floating free kick. Lancing took the lead again through Brown-Peterside and Merlino headed home 20 minutes into the second half.

Chigwell beat Altham 2-1 in their last match. They went ahead after 20 minutes when M. Davis scored in a goal mouth scramble. Altham equalised by half time but F. Davis decided the issue with a long shot from 20 yards.

In the BHS Trophy Lincolnshire join Humberside as possible favourites to win the North Midlands section after a 5-0 win over Nottinghamshire.

In the Gillette Trophy, Gateshead and North Tyneside drew 1-0 and replay tonight at North Shields to see who meet Sefton, last year's losing finalists. Barnsley and Hall also drew 2-2, Hull fighting back from a 2-0 deficit at half time.

World challenge awaits winner

By William Stephens

Following the George Wimpey Open championships at Hampton Court last weekend, the top players' international circuit moves to Bordeaux for the French Open, which begins today.

The event, the winner of which is qualified to be considered for a world championship challenge, has been considerably strengthened by the attraction of a sponsor, Chateau Cos d'Estournel Cere. The proprietor, Bruno Paris, views the resurgence of the game in France with particular satisfaction since his son, Jean-Guilaine, is a leading player; he won the British Junior championship at Holyport in September, defeating Nicholas Wood, of Newcastle, in a high-class final.

The No. 1 seed in the French Open is Chris Ronaldson, by

virtue of being the holder. He is projected to meet Jonathan Howell, the Bordeaux prospect of the other semi-final, is tantalizing Wayne Davies, the world champion, against Lachlan Deuchar, the British Open champion.

Ronaldson, who dominated the game as a fine world champion from 1981 until last March, confessed after losing to Davies in the semi-final last weekend - that he is no longer allowed to dictate the pattern of play, and is unfamiliar with that now imposed upon him by his successor.

Davies believes himself now to be mentally much tougher; he said on Sunday that he is now confident he can pull back from any position - a supreme capability Ronaldson possessed. However, that comment was

BOXING

Honeyghan aims to recapture title

By Srikanth Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Lloyd Honeyghan is to carry on boxing. The former world welterweight champion, who was on the point of retiring because of mental problems after his defeat by Jorge Vaca, of Mexico, in October, said yesterday that he aimed to win back his World Boxing Council title.

Honeyghan blamed the loss of his title on his manager, Mickey Duff. Speaking from Duff's London office in a trans-Atlantic hook-up with his manager, who is in Orlando, Florida, Honeyghan said: "I don't trust Mickey any more. He is a good manager, but that is all he is now."

He said that he had not wanted to meet Vaca as he had damaged his hands but Duff had "forced" him into it. "That is why I don't trust him," he said. "It's nothing to do with money. I wasn't training well. It was all pit-a-pat stuff and I was getting busted up in the gym. That's not Lloyd Honeyghan. I knew I was going to lose and it was almost a relief when I did."

Honeyghan has consulted a London doctor, who has said that there is no need for an operation on his hands.

Duff said: "I don't want to get involved in a slanging match. I don't agree with what Lloyd has said, but there is nothing in our contract that says we have to like each other. We manage him just as efficiently whether he trusts me or not. I have not done anything wrong. He is a highly volatile guy. If he doesn't trust me I'll have to work with the help of a lawyer."

Honeyghan is to resume training in the new year after a holiday in Jamaica. His title bout with Vaca, who is under contract to Duff for three defences, is likely to be in April. "I've not trained since the Vaca fight, but I'm going to Jamaica on Tuesday for four weeks and I'll do some running out there," Honeyghan said. "I want to win my title back, and this is a nice Christmas present for everyone."

The former champion, who had wanted to call a Press conference on Tuesday to announce his retirement but had been changed by Duff, said: "I did come close to retiring, but I am a better fighter than you saw against Vaca and I've got to go out and prove it. I didn't want to leave the game with a stigma."

When he gets back in the gym he wants his trainer, Bobby Neil, to devote more time to his needs. "I think Bobby is the best trainer in Britain," he said. "But there is too much work for him to look after. I want somebody else to help him."

YACHTING

Increase in dinghy entrants

By Barry Pickthall

After years of decline, dinghy racing is at last showing signs of recovery. That is the hopeful conclusion of an annual survey of attendance figures at this year's dinghy and keel boat championships published today in the sailing boat magazine, *Yachts and Yachting*.

The figures for more than half of the 33 classes monitored, show an increase over their five-year average. Heading the list is the Fireball, which celebrated its silver jubilee with 159 starters at their championship in Mounts Bay, Cornwall - 50 more than last year.

Other classes to show a healthy resurgence include the Topper single handed, with 117 entries to its championship after falling out of the 100+ group last year, together with the Scorpion, Lark, Solo, Merlin, Rocket, Wayfarer, Contender, 470, Int'l 4, Laser 2, and Hornet.

The one surprise appears to be the Laser class which gathered only a 146 entry for its championship at Largs, Scotland - the lowest figure for the class since 1976 and the first time in 10 years that this popular single-handed class has not headed the ratings.

The magazine concludes from this and drop in number from other classes such as the Alder (down from 64 to 53), that the Scottish tends to deter entries - a travel factor that might also explain the drop in numbers attending the GP14 and Enterprise championships held in Wales this year.

TOP TEN CLASSES (last year's attendance figures in brackets): Fireball, 159 (108); Topper, 117 (89); Lark, 116 (102); 470, 105 (91); Scorpion, 122 (108); Laser 2, 146 (191); 3, 102 (118); Int'l 4, 112 (138); Enterprise, 110 (115); Hornet, 107 (86); 4, 94 (97); 10, 80 (64).

REAL TENNIS

World challenge awaits winner

By William Stephens

Following the George Wimpey Open championships at Hampton Court last weekend, the top players' international circuit moves to Bordeaux for the French Open, which begins today.

The event, the winner of which is qualified to be considered for a world championship challenge, has been considerably strengthened by the attraction of a sponsor, Chateau Cos d'Estournel Cere. The proprietor, Bruno Paris, views the resurgence of the game in France with particular satisfaction since his son, Jean-Guilaine, is a leading player; he won the British Junior championship at Holyport in September, defeating Nicholas Wood, of Newcastle, in a high-class final.

The No. 1 seed in the French Open is Chris Ronaldson, by

virtue of being the holder. He is projected to meet Jonathan Howell, the Bordeaux prospect of the other semi-final, is tantalizing Wayne Davies, the world champion, against Lachlan Deuchar, the British Open champion.

Ronaldson, who dominated the game as a fine world champion from 1981 until last March, confessed after losing to Davies in the semi-final last weekend - that he is no longer allowed to dictate the pattern of play, and is unfamiliar with that now imposed upon him by his successor.

Davies believes himself now to be mentally much tougher; he said on Sunday that he is now confident he can pull back from any position - a supreme capability Ronaldson possessed. However, that comment was

made before his final against Deuchar, which was one of the great matches.

Deuchar opened the defence of his title with clinical precision, gaining service at will by laying gallery chases and finding the grille and winning gallery shots. Davies, however, countered by hitting his opponent into playing his floor game and gained three match points, leading 2-1, 5-5, and 40-0. Deuchar won all remaining points to level at 2-2.

The combatants sustained disciplined brilliance in the final set, interspersing controlled forces with gliding drop shots under the winning gallery and tambour. At 3-3 there were seven deuces, but Deuchar countered that game and coolly commanded the remainder to win 6-1, 1-6, 5-6, 6-5, 6-3.

RACING

Bread and butter rides of vital importance to high-ranking Grant

By George Rae

Chris Grant had just suffered one of the downs of a jump jockey's life. A 39-hour drive from his Northumberland base to rain-lashed Towcester had produced only the discovery that his one booked ride was a non-runner.

"All that for nothing," he said resignedly as he waded back to his car for the return journey.

It was, however, a rare setback in what has the makings of a fine season for Grant, who, with 31 winners behind him, has high hopes of improving last season's score of 63, his best ever.

Grant, at 31 firmly established among the ranks of the country's leading riders, has enjoyed a career-long association with Bishop Auckland trainer Denys Smith, who provides the basis of his rides. "After that it's anyone who'll have me," Grant says.

Leading trainers mean to book him

And there is no shortage of people who will have him. Last season he clocked up around 450 rides, a substantial total by National Hunt standards, with such leading trainers as Arthur Stephenson and Monica Dickinson prominent among those keen to book him.

"You can always rely on Chris to give a horse a good ride," Mrs Dickinson says of him.

That total of mounts is more than just a statistic, it is central to the realistic Grant's thinking. "Rides are your wages, in my case as important as winners," he says.

"Often the value of races I win isn't that high, so I don't make a fortune on percentages. Unless you are regularly riding big-race winners it is vital to keep up the flow of rides as a bread-and-butter income."

"Of course winners are important, not only in themselves but also in the sense of getting you noticed and so creating more rides. You must make the most of your opportunities."

"The season comes down to about eight busy months, and then you have bad weather and possible injury to contend with. What you make has to do you for the whole year. It's not like the Flat jockeys who



Northern-based Chris Grant, who has now firmly established himself among the country's leading riders

have plenty of scope for riding abroad during the close season."

With that emphasis on rides, does he have the ammunition to be a champion jockey? "I don't think so. I usually have a good start and finish to the season but in the middle, when the competition is toughest, the horses I ride are mostly not good enough."

"I pick up a lot of my winners round the smaller tracks, like Sedgfield and Catterick."

One horse who undoubtedly is good enough is the Peter Easterby-trained Cybrandian, on whom Grant excelled when second to The Thinker in last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup.

"I came in for the ride when Lorcan Weyer, the stable jockey, was injured," he said.

Grant also numbers Harry Hastings (a Cheltenham Festival winner), Sunset Cristo (Gold Cup third) and Young Driver (Grand National second) among the best horses he has ridden, although he holds a soft spot for the talented juvenile hurdler The Grey Bomber, who was electrocuted in a freak gallops accident.

Probably the most common adjective used to describe Grant is fearless, although he grimaces when the word comes up. "When I was young, like most young men, I would do anything to try to get on, but not now."

"I wouldn't condemn a horse out of hand without having had a look at its form, though. If it had some ability but had fallen a few times, fair enough, I'd have a go if it had some chance of winning."

"But I won't get on something that has fallen in its last 10 starts. There's no point asking to be hurt, that's common sense."

He describes himself as "fairly lucky" when it comes to injury, although that is as much a testament to his ability to sit tight when mistakes happen as to luck.

However, he recalls with some feeling breaking his leg at Market Rasen on the first day of the season several years ago.

"The horse slipped up on the bend and I was left lying on the track. It wasn't until the jockeys weighed out for the next that anyone noticed I was missing."

Prospects bright for Cheltenham

Prospects for tomorrow's Cheltenham meeting are looking good, according to the clerk of the course, Edward Gillespie.

He remains optimistic, despite the covering of frost across the country, and reported yesterday: "The sun drew the frost out of the ground and we would have been able to race today. Conditions are much better than the previous day."

We will be using the new course for the first time since May and the prospects of racing are good."

Doncaster, too, is hopeful of racing tomorrow. They could

Brown has no case to answer

The Jockey Club has decided not to hold an inquiry into Colin Brown's riding of Choice Of Critics at Plumpton last month. A statement from Portman Square stated yesterday that there is "insufficient evidence" to warrant any action.

Brown came in for criticism after the horse was pulled up on the second circuit of the Sid Lanaway Memorial Steeplechase on November 9, and both owner, actor Ian Redd, and trainer, Reg Acland, expressed their dissatisfaction with the jockey's handling of the odds-on favourite.

Choice Of Critics had won on his previous outing, last season, and has scored in his only subsequent race.

have raced yesterday, but there is a doubt about the third scheduled meeting, Devon.

There will be no racing in Britain today for the second consecutive day.

Following abandonments at Haydock and Kempton yesterday, the second day of the Haydock meeting and today's other fixture, Taunton, have fallen foul of the weather - all four due to frost.

This brings the number of meetings lost this season to 11. The situation in Ireland is no better, racing at Clonsilla postponed until December 17.

French star competes at Kempton

Top French chaser Nupsala is among 15 entries for the King George VI Rank Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day. A spokesman for trainer Francois Doumaire said that the eight-year-old would be taking on last year's winner, Desert Orchid.

Nupsala, who was entered for this year's Grand National, won the Prix Millionaire at Autel in June and was second in the 1986 Grand Steeplechase de Paris. He is quoted at 20-1 by Corals for the Kempton race.

ENTRIES: King George VI Rank Chase (Grade 1): Smk Beau Ranger, Bolands Cross, Gaulte Andrew, Gaulte Warden, Churn Warren, O'Connell, West Orchard, Forgiven't Forget, Golden Friend, W's Gaurd, W's Gaurd, W's Gaurd, Run And Stop, Sign Again, Ticksie Bob, To Be Run at Kempton Park, December 28.

Choice Of Critics had won on his previous outing, last season, and has scored in his only subsequent race.

Amendments encourage more varied programme

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

The Jockey Club has announced minor changes to the regulations for the 1988 point-to-point season which commences on February 6.

Amendments to the rules have been made to allow the organisers of Club meetings to frame a more varied programme of races.

Three open events and one Club race, with penalty conditions similar to those successfully introduced last season for adjacent hunt races, will be allowed.

Horse passport checking procedures have also been changed. Hitherto interpretation of the requirements have not always been consistent when sought by local veterinary surgeons who only attend, perhaps, one meeting per year.

In future Jockey Club vets will undertake this task and will examine the passports of every

horse declared to run rather than horses in one selected race only.

However, as with dope testing, not all meetings will be covered but the random selection of about 20 per cent will be unannounced.

Scheduled for 1988 are 196 meetings on 112 courses with the Pembroke and Stirling and the Penarth and Stirling absent from the list.

Course changes include the demise of Little Ayrton where the Cleveland has been forced to abandon its meeting for the last three seasons due to waterlogging.

The Hunt has moved to Stockton Racecourse where the Hurworth and the South Durham hunts hold their meetings.

The Twerton Stagheads have moved to Brixton Down, while the Twerton Foxhounds move to a new course at Blackmoor.

Substantial bet on City Entertainer

City Entertainer, Charlotte Postlethwaite's promising novice chaser, is the subject of a substantial gamble to win the 1989 Cheltenham Gold Cup (Dick Hinder writes).

Connections of the six-year-old, in a single wager, bet £10,000 (and paid) at odds of 25-1 that City Entertainer would capture next season's blue rib-and-of-steepchasing.

Nick Stewart, spokesman for City Index, the City-based credit bookmakers who accepted the bet, said that the £250,000 liability was their largest since the company started trading in February, 1984.

City Entertainer was clear when he fell in a Newcastle novice chase at the end of last month, after previously winning the Fred Rimell Memorial Chase at Worcester.

Last March, City Entertainer was runner-up to The West Awake in the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at the Festival meeting.

Past Glories returns for Champion tilt

Past Glories, runner-up in last season's Triumph Hurdle, is about to go back into training to be prepared for the Champion Hurdle. He will again be ridden by 4lb claimer Patrick Farrell.

The four-year-old colt was beaten half a length by Alone Success at the Festival before suffering a tendon injury in his final race at Liverpool last season. He won three hurdle races and was second twice, and also won three races on the Flat.

He has been given plenty of time to fully recover and will go into training with Bill Elsey again at Norton, near Malton, before Christmas.

Aintree seats selling fast

Aintree racecourse has sold all County Stand reserved seats for Seagram Grand National day on Saturday, April 9.

John Parrett, the general manager, said: "These seats have sold out earlier than last year and racers are advised to book quickly for alternative facilities, such as the Glenlivet Stand or the County roof, to avoid disappointment."

Burke's operation

Jockey Karl Burke went into hospital yesterday for an operation on his right shoulder, which he dislocated for the fifth time in a fall at Southwell last week. He hopes to return to the saddle in mid-March.

Minister urges sponsor spread

By John Winder

A package approach to sports sponsorship, ensuring that money given to a governing body went right down to the grassroots of the sport, was urged by Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, in the Commons during an all-night adjournment debate that ended yesterday.

He said that sponsorship money should not be confined to those at the highest level in sport. He took every opportunity to emphasise the package approach and to persuade sponsors and governing bodies to see what more they could do about it.

He questioned whether they were striking the right balance between sporting excellence and wider participation and whether they were doing enough to promote private sector investment in sport.

He spoke, he said, in his first debate as a minister, as a former sportsman who had spent a lot of time trying to raise private sector money. His three aims were to improve the nation's health, to alleviate social deprivation and to help promote sporting excellence at national and international levels.

The debate, on Government sports policy, was opened by Tom Pendry (Stalybridge and Hyde, Lab), who accused Moynihan of a "heavy-handed" approach to drugs in sport. He said that of 3,167 drugs tests in 1986, only one was positive. A sum of £400,000 was a lot to pay for one positive result.

"I was further alarmed to hear that the Prime Minister has called for a ban on spunk on television because of the so-called problem of beta-blocker drugs," Pendry said.

Moynihan said that 41 substances had been found in 2,745 tests in the United Kingdom. Pendry asked whether competitors would be banned after using "Night Nurse" prescribed for a cold. He had read evidence that beta-blockers had no effect if taken by pistol shooters, and led to a slight deterioration in performance.

The Conservative manifesto in the election had promised continued work for the Sports Council, and had said nothing about wholesale demolition of sport.

John Carlisle (Luton North, Con) said that an hour a week at physical education was not enough for schoolchildren. They should have at least two hours in the new core curriculum.

It was nonsense, while smoking remained a legal occupation, as it should, that money from the industry should not go into sport.

Menzies Campbell (North East Fife, Lib), a former member of the Sports Council, referred to reports on drugs in sport in *The Times* last month which, he said, demonstrated the inadequacy of the Government's policy not least because the investigation referred to had been by the Ministry of Agriculture. It seemed curious that in such an area with such an effect on sport and health, it should be left to that ministry.

Brian Wilson (Cunningham North, Lab) attacked the sponsorship of sport by tobacco and brewing companies. There was something sick in children running about with the names of breweries on their football strips, he said, since alcohol was one antithesis of good health.

Dennis Howell, Labour spokesman on sport, said that education cutbacks were alarming, with school swimming lessons cut by 35 per cent since 1980.

Circus Botham hits town

Simon Barnes

And so let us move on into the good news about cricket today. Ian Botham, with his mazy sense of timing, arrived at the Oval yesterday, one of the most depressing of cricketers, sat on an elephant and announced that he really was going to do the Himalayas walk across the Alps in the spring. The elephant — her name was Rani — waved a cricket bat about with a purposeful air.

Click-click-click! This way, Ian! Can we have one with Becky? Becky, his youngest daughter, was passed up to Botham on the elephant's back. "Elephant!" she said, knowledgeably. "Elephant!" Click-click-click. Get down at the front! Stop pushing at the back! Over here, Ian! Ian, I'm from Newsround. Ian, I'm from ITN. Whirr. Whirr. "Yes, I'll be taking three elephants. We'll be walking 50 miles across the Alps."

It was a classic media circus and Botham is a connoisseur of such things. At least, this time he was doing it all on purpose. In fact, he was making a circus of himself — that is what the whole enterprise is all about, in fact. The three elephants come from the Circus Medrano, "one of the most prestigious circuses in Europe," we were informed. (They have "hand-picked their strongest and most intelligent animals for the task," too).

It is all about publicity, all about the clicks and whirrs and the great Circus Botham hitting the road. Let us have a good laugh at it, to be sure. And let us be in no doubt that this is Botham's most cynical exercise in publicity-seeking yet.

He is coldly and deliberately exploiting his own immense fame in order to raise what he hopes will be an immense sum for Leukaemia Research. There is not an ounce of insincerity in his desire to do all he can for this charity. "I hope to raise millions," he said. It will be millions because of his own fame.

It is nothing to do with "image enhancement" or anything like that. It is about persuading a bunch of boring moneybags like General Portillo to sponsor the trip and to cough up a quarter of a million pounds. It is about exploiting his fame and his notoriety to do something worth doing. Botham has complained for years about being exploited by the media: now he is exploiting the media for a cause close to his heart.

More than anything else, Botham loves to be a hero, loves to be a flawed

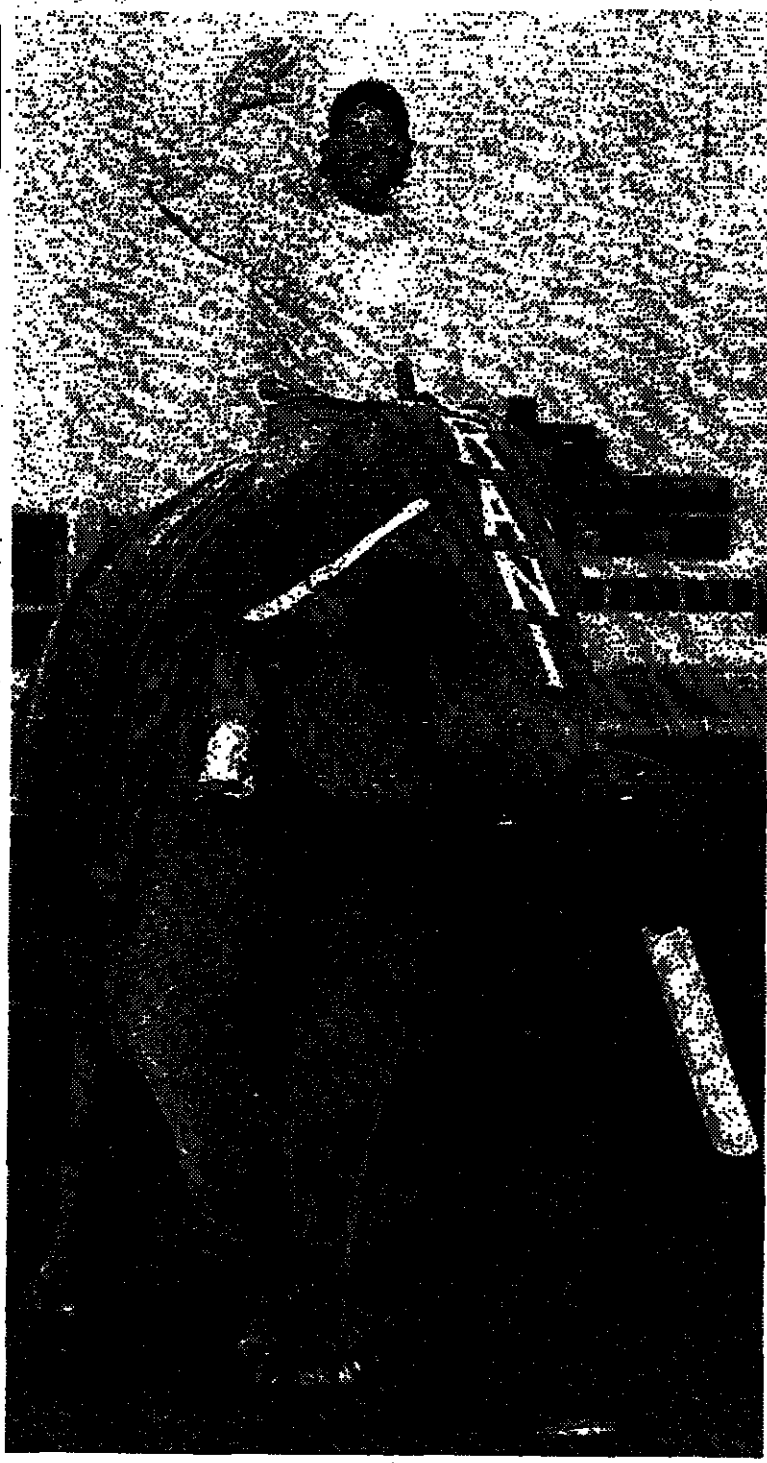
hero. And this ridiculous circus act is part of it. His love of heroics gave us the pleasures of 1981, gave us the various bits of over-the-top nonsense we would sooner forget, and is now giving us this crazy walk.

It will all start at Perpignan on April 1 and it will end on April 20 in Turin. He will take a vet, Kathy his wife, and doubtless a three-media circus as well. He had, he said, already noted that the route will take him through some prime wine-growing areas. It will be bloody tough going, though. He will go through a great deal of pain and discomfort along the way.

"But I shall not," he said, "be taking the elephants over the Khyber Pass to Pakistan". Of course, we had to hear Ian Botham's thoughts on the Pakistan Affair. He observed that Pakistan did not win the World Cup and that there were neutral umpires for that competition, "make what you like of that". And that if the Pakistanis had been 200-1 instead of 100-5, perhaps they would have been keener to take the field. Oh, and that he got fined £1,000 for saying that Pakistan was the right place to send his mother-in-law. "I'd probably get 30 years' hard labour if I were there now."

But back to the walk, we hawks were ordered. How appropriate that Botham is following Hannibal, a very Botham-like person. The Romans wrote the history books (rather like the MCC members) but they always came over as a very unimpressive bunch. Hannibal rampaged about the Roman Empire for 15 years before they got him. Hannibal is one we remember — not the generals who finally defeated him.

And so our flawed hero returns to Queensland for more cricket. I still believe we are too close to Botham to realize the immensity of his cricketing achievements. We see only the flaws. But I really enjoyed his exploitation of his own heroic myth in his efforts to raise a fortune for Leukaemia Research. It seems to me a fairly splendid thing to do. As well as being a barrel of laughs.



Elephant man: Botham, following on from Hannibal, goes over the big top at the Oval, hoping for a jumbo innings from Rani (Photograph: John Rogers)

Angry Italians still hopping mad at United

By Nicholas Harding

It may be of small comfort to Manchester United to learn that the team that defeated them in the semi-final of the European Cup is unlikely to lead to any official repercussions from FIBA (Federation Basketball International).

Given the volatile nature of Italian sporting crowds, especially those in the South, the referee's decision for United could be the most hostile reception they have ever faced when they play the return leg of their Korać Cup tie against Juventus Caserta, who are based near Naples, on January 13.

The Italians left Manchester yesterday, still smarting, not only from the previous night's 106-101 defeat, but the fracas in the last 39 seconds that involved 15 players. But since no foul or disqualification was called by either the Swedish or Spanish officials, FIBA, who were in touch with the English Basketball Association first thing yesterday, may decide to take no action, whatever the West German commissioner says in his report.

Mid Welch, the EBA's secretary, said after speaking to David Turner, the FIBA technical officer in Munich: "Maybe I am wrong but my impression is that the officials will not find it necessary to make any particular mention of this incident in their reports."

Since the game was under FIBA jurisdiction, the EBA are also unlikely to punish Peter Mallings, United's England international who was the chief protagonist in the battle that had first row spectators hurrying vacating their seats.

The one silver lining for Welch was that United did not further aggravate the situation. "What pleased me," he said, "was that some of the United players not on court at the time acted in any other manner than consistent of. Also some of the crowd got involved apart from those who literally found bodies underneath their feet and had to move away."

Caserta had just sunk a basket but were still obviously annoyed by Kevin Penny's check on Gionchi, their Bulgarian, and an earlier foul call — when justifying started as United attempted to move up court.

They retreated from his charge and in the ensuing melee several players went over the bench before peace was restored. Any chance of Caserta then providing Oscar Schmidt, their Brazilian, with the chance of adding to his 52 points with a saving throw, ended when Alton Byrd stole the ball for the decisive basket. In so doing he ended a remarkable Schmidt inspired rally that had reduced United 71-49 to only four points.

Polywell Kingston, the other English survivor, will be hoping that fatigue does not get the better of them when they visit United on Saturday, especially in view of Monday's even more important date at the Albert Hall for the Presidential national cup final. Although their rebound was the worst since Kevin Cadie, their coach, has experienced this season, Kingston was just too good for IMT Belgrade in the European Cup Winners' Cup, winning 94-92. Like United, they have now won one and lost one of their quarter final pool games in Europe.

© TNT Parcel Office, a division of the TNT worldwide telecommunications group responsible for delivering all the newspapers from News International, at Wapping, are to sponsor Birmingham Bulls until the end of the season. Rupert Murdoch, the owner of News International, has shares in the company, who were which was attracted by the sport's family appeal. The TNT may take an option of extending the agreement which, Eric Woodward, the Bulls' director said yesterday "was worth a reasonable figure." The club will be known as TNT Bulls.

HOCKEY

Victory will book Britain's passage

From Cathy Harris, Barcelona

The British women's team have the chance to book themselves a place in the Seoul Olympics if they beat the Soviet Union at the Polo Club, Barcelona, today.

The British side are full of confidence after their 4-1 win on Tuesday in the first of the three-match play-offs to decide who will fill the eighth available place at the Olympics.

A draw or loss to the Soviet Union means the teams will have to play a third match. Britain's euphoria after their victory has been replaced by the knowledge that today's match will be a crucial one and that a flawless performance is required if they are to triumph.

After a light training session yesterday, the British coach, Dennis Hay, said he was not underestimating the opposition. "Today will be a completely different game," he said. "The pressure is on them to come back at us and that is when they are most dangerous."

Natalia Krasnikova, the Soviet captain, is unlikely to be as free in today's match which she so gleefully exploited on Tuesday. Hay rates her as one of top three players in

the world but says it would be hard to become mesmerized by her.

"We've got to play our own game and establish the pattern of play we've worked on in practice," he said.

The British vice-captain, Violet McBride, was prepared to sacrifice her Irish international career in order to get to the Olympics. Forced to choose between representing Ireland or Great Britain in 1980, she chose the latter. Subsequently banned by Ireland, she has spent the last seven years in the international wilderness.

The midfield player, aged 33, who has won a record 34 caps for Great Britain, says she has no regrets. "It's been my lifelong ambition to play in the Olympics and whilst I would have loved to have played for Ireland in competitions like the World and European cups, I've accepted the decision."

McBride, voted UK Hockey Player of the Year in 1986, modestly admits that she is probably the best-known sportsman in Northern Ireland after Michael Peters. Great Britain played in Seoul would be a dream come true for McBride.

GB pair to bolster England

By Joyce Whitehead

The inclusion of two Great Britain players, Karen Brown and Mary Cheetham, adds strength to the England team for the European indoor championship from Denmark on 18 to 20 in Bad Neuenahr, West Germany.

Brown and Cheetham are playing for Great Britain against the Soviet Union in Barcelona for the last remaining place at the Olympics, but will return in time to take up their positions in the England side.

The Netherlands, Spain, Austria and West Germany, winners at various qualifying rounds, provide the opposition for England who were second to Ireland in the home countries championship 10 days ago where Claire Liddell, a new cap, gave a credible performance.

ENGLAND: In Scotland (Lancashire, Gifford, & Lower Suffolk, C. Wollington, Gifford, & Chesham (Lancashire), L. Liddell (Essex), T. Wicks (Suffolk), S. Wright (Lancashire), L. Carr (Lancashire), C. Crook (Lancashire), K. Brown (Essex).

The All-England Women's Hockey Association announced yesterday that National Westminster Bank will provide sponsorship of £25,000 over four years for the county championship starting in 1988.

Hereford United, of the fourth division, with debts of £171,065, lost £11,030 last season compared with a loss of £17,826 the previous year. Last season's turnover was £471,606 and Hereford's wage bill was £276,993.

Hardy trains again

Billy Hardy, the British bantamweight boxing champion from Sunderland, has been given the go-ahead to start light training after a cartilage operation. He hopes to be ready to box again by the end of February or early March.

GOLF: REMEMBERING LESSONS OF THE PAST FOR THEIR TOUGH TEST IN THE PGA SCHOOL

Common bond in search of glory

From John Hennessy

La Manga

Lee Fickling, of Enfield, and Richard Fish, of Camberley, are two men of such divergent character that it seems strange to find a common bond between them. The one quality they share is a love of golf and, with it, a desire, along with 234 others, to win their players' "union" cards at the PGA qualifying school here this week.

For both it is the eighth time they have submitted themselves to this event, an ordeal, according to Fickling, "that leaves you absolutely shattered."

A place in the top 50 will provide the coveted piece of parchment, though they need to get in the top 20, at least, to gain entry to county tournaments to give them a fair chance.

The one thing that drives each of them on after experiences which would have long since disenchanted most people, is the belief that he can still make it. Fish at the age of 29, Fickling at 26.

There is one big difference in their approach, however. For Fickling this is the year of make-or-break. "I'll never come back again," he declares. Fish, having

just secured sponsorship for the next three years, is prepared to soldier on, convinced that he is still "so far away from any potential."

It would be hard to imagine two more dissimilar people. Fish is tall and lean with a face that has not been so much lived in as slumbered in. Fickling is three inches shorter, two stone heavier, with the complexion of a dairymaid. Whereas Fickling dresses in modest obedience to convention, Fish likes to jazz it up. At our interview he was wearing what looked like white Chinese pyjama trousers.

"I'm independent-minded," he explains. "I never want to look like a golfer. If someone ever said I did I'd feel insulted." He would love to go out with the lads since "night-clubbing is my favourite pastime, but I can't do it."

Fish has been through the mill. "I'm a strange case," he says. "A lot of people believe in me and think I should have done better already. I don't agree. I'm still learning. I can be so brilliant one day and rubbish the next. There's no consistency." A marriage just ended has hardly helped his cause.

For some years, he says, he



Fish: Soldiers on

went from bad to worse. He became enmeshed in the theory of the game, "trying all sorts of things, listening to too many people."

One of the things he tried was sports psychology. In 1985, it helped for a time but "I slipped back into theory again." Even a session from David Leadbetter, Nick Faldo's guru, did nothing for him. "I'm still casting around," he says, "for the magic formula to remove the inconsistency that plagues my game."

He has to eradicate a tendency

to hook. Although that side of his game is improving, his short game has suffered from lack of attention. "I used to be a good putter," he maintains, "but I'm dreadful at the moment."

He is an engaging character, the type who would live up any dinner table as well as golf tournament. But what if it were break rather than make over the next three years? "I'd make a good labourer," he replies with a mischievous smile.

Fickling, by contrast, has taken the PGA professional course at Lilleshall and is qualified to fill back on a club job, with occasional tournament play, if 1988 does not produce the breakthrough.

He takes comfort from Ian Woosnam's sudden ascendancy to the world's throne. "If he can do it after all he's been through," he argues, echoing Fish and indeed many others here, "so can I." Fish adds the piquant footnote that Woosnam was a regular practice partner for him only a few years back.

Fickling, committed to marriage and mortgage, took ninth place in the 1986 school, which allowed him entry to 17 tournaments. He finished the season 142nd in the Epson Order of Merit, but as only 128 retained

their cards he was forced back to La Manga for the eighth, and last, time, he vows. The player in 128th position, with £6,498 prize money was £2,187 ahead of Fickling.

Fickling survived the 36-hole cut in six tournaments in the season just finished and missed the cut by one stroke in four others. With £4,337 prize money it seemed a modest enough achievement. Playing the tour, he had focused had not been as easy as he had expected. "I was making level par," he says, "and still missing the cut. I realise now I didn't have enough experience."

A sponsorship over the last three years has been a life-saver. "I've known people sleep in a car," he points out, with obvious distaste. "I could never do it that way."

His contract comes up for renewal next month, providing more anxious moments, though the tour, he has focused had not been as easy as he had expected. "I was making level par," he says, "and still missing the cut. I realise now I didn't have enough experience."

Next year, he believes, he should start to reach his potential. "I can't produce it then," he declares, and his voice dies, leaving the dread alternative unsaid.

Linda Bayman enjoys the chance of upstaging friend and rival Laura Davies

Golfers' golfer collects award

Linda Bayman found herself in exalted company yesterday. She was sitting next to the Queen of Denmark in a London salon where she was being honoured prior to receiving the Arva Watches woman golfer of the year award. Laura Davies, the US Open champion, was given a special award for her historic achievement, but it was very much Mrs Bayman's day.

The Royal visitor may have been unaware of Mrs Bayman's many achievements, but when she does not have her head stuck in a basin or under a dryer, the 34-year-old player is, in the words of Jill Therrell, a long-time international colleague, "the best woman golfer in this country. She is quite brilliant, and her dedication and enthusiasm make her a most marvellous team member."

This year all that skill and fervour culminated in Mrs Bayman winning her first British title, the stroke-play, in August, and she commented wryly: "I'm like a fine port. The longer I am around, the better I get."

Fiery reputation in younger days

She will be 40 next year, and after a lifetime of playing golf she should at long last receive one of the few representative honours to clothe her — a place in the Curtis Cup side. That next year's match takes place on her native heath at Royal St George's and starts on her 40th birthday should surely make up for all past disappointments and frustrations.

Mrs Bayman herself is sensibly reluctant to accept that she is a certainty, but with an unbeaten record for England in the European team championships and the home international this year and three points out of four in the Vagliano Trophy match, it is hard to come up with any names that should

be on the team sheet before hers.

Asked what she has never yet been on a Curtis Cup side, Mrs Bayman, ever the perfectionist, said candidly: "I've never actually merited it before." In terms of golfing ability, she is undoubtedly better than most, but in her early days she counted by all accounts, he decidedly McCroneich, reacting with a less than perfect rage to a less than perfect shot.

Her tantrums were legendary and she is reluctant to discuss them now, saying somewhat defensively: "Legitimacy is exactly what they were, entirely justified. And, in any case," she added, more accurately, "I've never suggested a finger at an umpire in my life."

Enthusiasm now calmed down

Advancing years, marriage, two children and greater confidence in her own golfing ability have calmed down this enthusiast who does not know the meaning of the phrase "half measures". And Mrs Therrell summed up the change succinctly: "Linda has got the game in perspective now."

Mrs Bayman still gives her all on the golf course and in life in general. Win or lose she is the person at the heart of the celebrations, and at one European team championship she hilariously put Ireland's inexperienced team at their ease with her efforts to master the Icelandic national song.

Nobody brings more joy and enthusiasm to the game as a superb team member and team-mate partner, but Mrs Bayman herself particularly enjoyed yesterday's award, because "just for once in my life I was able to be longer than Laura."

And for once Mrs Davies was quite content to play a supporting role.

Patricia Davies



Recipients: Laura Davies and Linda Bayman display their trophies in London yesterday (Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

Davies signs with IMG

Laura Davies has parted company with her manager, Colin Sneyd, and is to join Mark McCormack's International Management Group. Negotiations will be completed this month in time for Miss Davies to launch her 1988 schedule with a major attack on the United States LPGA tour. She plans to play 32 events next season, 18 of them in America, 12 in Europe, and two in Japan. Only four of her appearances, however, will be in Britain, although she does expect to play in the British Open in August.

Featured this month—Suzanne Vega, George Harrison, Bryan Ferry, ZZ Top and New Order.

Plus FREE, The Q Magazine Guide to "50 Recommended Albums of 1987." Out Now.

PPA CERTIFIED DIVIDENDS

All dividends subject to recoupment. All matches for December 28.

LITTLEWOODS POOLS LIVERPOOL
£1,198,852
WON BY 12 BR ENGINEERS

BONNIE BONANNA £872,676
1st DIVIDEND SURPLUS SHARED BETWEEN 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th DIVIDENDS

TREBLE CHANCE FIRST DIV LIMIT APPLIED. See Rule 9(c).
24 PTS..... £1,000,000-00
23 PTS..... £12,644-15
22½ PTS..... £5,111-65
22 PTS..... £896-60
21½ PTS..... £141-75
21 PTS..... £42-90

Table Game Dividends to units of 1/4p.
Expenses and Commission 21st November 1987-28-96

FOR COUPONS PHONE-FREE 0800 400 400 (24 HR SERVICE)

VERNONS POOLS LIVERPOOL

this week's Top Winners include

REMY LADY £34,331 £33,583 £33,373 £33,330
SCOTSMAN £35,540 £35,330 £34,541 For only 23 points

TREBLE CHANCE Possible Points 24
NO CLIENT WITH 24 POINTS
23 pts..... £16,021-45
22½ pts..... £26,952-95
22 pts..... £129-90
21½ pts..... £21-85
21 pts..... £5-75

Treble Chance Dividends to Units of 21p.
Expenses and Commission for 21st November 1987-28-96

For coupons Phone 01-200 0200

PPA

POSTAL CLIENTS WITH THE HOLIDAY PERIOD APPROACHING AND TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT DUE TO POSTAL DELAYS, YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO POST EXTRA EARLY AND IF POSSIBLE, TWO COUPONS TOGETHER.

Wheatley hits back at critics

By Andrew Longmore

The Sports Council announces today that its director general, John Wheatley, will be retiring next autumn, as he originally indicated to the council nearly 18 months ago.

A statement, released by the council yesterday, effectively ended speculation that Wheatley, who succeeded Evelyn Jones as head of the Sports Council administrative staff in February 1983, might be forced to resign or retire early because council members had lost confidence in his ability.

The statement, which had the full backing of the Sports Council chairman, John Smith, said that recent speculation about Wheatley's position had been viewed with "deep concern and disquiet" by the council, and that the council had the "utmost respect for his integrity and professional competence".

Yesterday Wheatley took the opportunity to counter criticism that the council was losing its independence, and he set out some of the issues which he considered would be vital over the next few months.

"Both the independence of the council and the integrity of the staff have been called into question," said Wheatley. "It is vital that the council keeps the independence which was enshrined in its charter and that staff contribute to that independence by making judgements based on their professional knowledge, not on any political considerations."

Over the next few months Wheatley will be helping to finalise the council's new management structure, with a new post of director of national centres and a new director of finance, and also the council's strategy for the next five years. The completion of both these tasks has been a major factor in his decision to retire.

By the time he reaches retirement, after five and a half years as head of the council, Wheatley will be 61 and Sports Council policy allows for employees to retire any time between the ages of 55 and 65. In considering his intention to retire, Wheatley stated that he would not be "free-wheeling" his way towards retirement and, considering his critics, reiterated his views on the strength of the council.

"It must concentrate on what it is best at offering a central service to a variety of bodies. There has been a great deal of talk about structural change but the benefits of such changes are often rather less than the costs."

Governing bodies in agreement

By Ian Stafford

A positive agreement on the need for a single confederation to foster the needs of all British sporting interests was reached at a meeting yesterday of the British Olympic Association (BOA) and the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), chaired by the CCPR president, the Duke of Edinburgh, at Buckingham Palace.

The comprehensive talks were extended to two hours and ranged over the potential membership of an umbrella organisation and its future fields of action. The Duke agreed that during the course of 1988 he would convene and chair a major conference of representatives of all pertinent sporting interests, with a view to the new structure and a timetable agreed for its establishment.

"This is a major commitment by the two most important bodies in the sports world, organisations to which the responsibility for shaping the future of British sport should remain with sportsmen and not politicians," Ron Eames, the CCPR's chairman, said. "This new body will create a constructive partnership with the Government."

Charles Palmer, the BOA's chairman, added: "This move forward was supported by the National Olympic Committee at a special seminar held in Marlborough last March."

However, Whitington added to his first half try a dropped goal which gave the Services the lead.

Champions struggle

By David Rhys Jones

To say that David Bryant and Tony Allcock have a good record is to underestimate the case. Between them they have won 14 world championship gold medals. No one else has won more than two.

At the Bournemouth International Centre yesterday, Bryant and Allcock became the first pair to qualify for a semi-final place in the £20,000 Midland Bank World Pairs indoor bowls championship when they beat Peter Fong of Fiji and Cecil Bransky of Israel, by three sets to one.

Aiming to win the event for the third year running, the West

Countrymen seemed to be sitting uneasily on their throne, even during the first set which they won comfortably, 8-2. They could have lost the second if a couple of Bransky bids had succeeded but prevailed 5-3. A strong response from the overseas pair won them the third set 8-1, and the holders appeared shaken.

Pride counts for much however, and although Bryant and Allcock never excelled, they managed at least to get the basics right in the last set, which they won 8-3.

RESULTS: Bryant D J Bryant & C Bransky (Fiji) 3-2, 5-3, 1-4, 8-3.

RESULTS: Bryant D J Bryant & C Bransky (Fiji) 3-2, 5-3, 1-4, 8-3.

FOOTBALL: EAGERNESS TO SUCCEED PRODUCED SCRAPPY PLAY AND MORE FOULS THAN ONE HAS COME TO EXPECT FROM THE FIXTURE



Marching on: Oxford and Cambridge universities bid a fond farewell yesterday to Wembley in their last appearance after 36 years at the Stadium

(Photograph: Ian Stewart)

RUGBY UNION

Moving University match forward in the national interest

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Tradition, as we know, dies hard and after Tuesday's outstanding match at Twickenham, who would wish to change anything about the University match? But those who organize the fixtures at Oxford and Cambridge are already pondering their part in the structured season in England.

Cambridge have done much to amend their traditional fixture list by introducing Welsh opposition on Saturdays, while Oxford have moved some of their leading games to midweek. But what of the match at Twickenham itself? Can it remain on the second Tuesday in December, cutting across the divisional championships?

In days gone by, when England held three separate trials, the first was always before the University match—as is the first weekend of the current divisional championship. The second trial always contained a flood of players who had done well for their respective universities and some of those who took part in the first trial were subsequently seldom seen again.

Late surge spares Services' blushes

By David Hands

Combined Services... 35
South Koreans... 13

For nearly an hour yesterday the South Koreans managed to embarrass their hosts at Aldershot Military stadium by retaining the lead in the third match of the four. Superior weight and individual skills inevitably told, however, and the Combined Services won by four goals, two tries and a dropped goal to a goal, a try and a penalty goal.

The Koreans, on their first visit to this country, are composed of soldiers and students and, since their manager is a colonel, should have felt much at home among the military. With a little more care the Services could have turned the match ahead. As it was they were 7-6 down after Park checked and then sent Parks to the line, and Shin kicked a penalty. The two Koreans in the Korean back row had a fine understanding, at line-out and loose, Hyon Kim having captained his side not only here but on tour in Australia last May.

However, Whitington added to his first half try a dropped goal which gave the Services the lead.

However, Whitington added to his first half try a dropped goal which gave the Services the lead.

BOWLS

Champions struggle

By David Rhys Jones

To say that David Bryant and Tony Allcock have a good record is to underestimate the case. Between them they have won 14 world championship gold medals. No one else has won more than two.

At the Bournemouth International Centre yesterday, Bryant and Allcock became the first pair to qualify for a semi-final place in the £20,000 Midland Bank World Pairs indoor bowls championship when they beat Peter Fong of Fiji and Cecil Bransky of Israel, by three sets to one.

Aiming to win the event for the third year running, the West

Countrymen seemed to be sitting uneasily on their throne, even during the first set which they won comfortably, 8-2. They could have lost the second if a couple of Bransky bids had succeeded but prevailed 5-3. A strong response from the overseas pair won them the third set 8-1, and the holders appeared shaken.

Pride counts for much however, and although Bryant and Allcock never excelled, they managed at least to get the basics right in the last set, which they won 8-3.

RESULTS: Bryant D J Bryant & C Bransky (Fiji) 3-2, 5-3, 1-4, 8-3.

RESULTS: Bryant D J Bryant & C Bransky (Fiji) 3-2, 5-3, 1-4, 8-3.

TENNIS

Australians lose out in tie-break

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Paul Anacone and Christo van Rensburg took four hours and 11 minutes to beat Peter Doohan and Laurie Warder 7-6, 7-6, 2-6, 4-6, 7-6 in the first match of the Nabisco Masters doubles tournament at the Albert Hall yesterday. The ultimate tie-break spanned 20 points, including four match points for the winners.

Anacone and van Rensburg should have won the first set more easily, because they led 5-3 and had two set points. In the fourth set van Rensburg was serving for a 5-3 lead. But in the fifth Doohan and Warder came within two points of the match at 5-4 and again at 6-5.

There must have been times yesterday when Doohan and Warder wondered why they were playing indoors in London instead of enjoying an outdoor summer beach home. But Australians are difficult to put away. In the tie-break Anacone and van Rensburg had a scare when, on the first of their match points, Anacone flicked an ankle. There was another scare when initially confused about which of them should respond to a teasing job — they somehow managed to save the first of the Australian match points. Finally, van Rensburg settled all doubts with a winning service return.

All that suggests that this was an exciting match. Often, it was. But much of it also hinted that the repeated fluctuations were no more than a simmering prelude to an anticlimax. In the context of the all-play-all format, that was essentially true. Both teams have a lot of tennis to play before finding out whether or not they will qualify for Saturday's semi-finals.

This tournament is an example of the way in which (such is the bizarre organization of professional tennis) the celebrities qualify for three separate payments for their labours. They collect prize money from the year's tournaments and then, if their overall record is good enough, play in the Masters for more prize money.

By agreeing to play in the Masters they also qualify for year-end bonuses. And Larry heads the bonus awards with about £92,000 and Robert Seguso comes second with £67,000. Sums like that, together with shares of this week's £12,000 prize fund, explain why the leading players are still at work. Whatever the reasons, we should be grateful for the chance to see some decent tennis — the equivalent of liquor and coffee — at this time of year.

These Albert Hall events do put one in mind of a formal dining table, because the tennis is played to an accompaniment of tinkling cutlery and, sporadically, popping cork. Moreover, even the afternoon court crews are dressed as if prepared for job interviews.

The environs of the court are embellished by specially installed chandeliers and, up in the roof, the familiar acoustic saucers look like a fleet of stranded UFOs.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

100m: Steve Nouri (USA) 10.1, 200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 21.2, 400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 48.1, 800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 1:58.1, 1600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 4:11.1, 3200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 8:22.1, 6400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 16:44.1, 12800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 33:28.1, 25600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 66:56.1, 51200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 133:52.1, 102400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 267:44.1, 204800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 534:48.1, 409600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 1069:36.1, 819200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 2138:72.1, 1638400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 4277:44.1, 3276800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 8555:28.1, 6553600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 17110:56.1, 13107200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 34221:52.1, 26214400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 68443:44.1, 52428800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 136887:28.1, 104857600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 273774:56.1, 209715200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 547549:52.1, 419430400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 1095099:44.1, 838860800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 2190199:28.1, 1677721600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 4380399:12.1, 3355443200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 8760798:24.1, 6710886400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 17521596:48.1, 13421772800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 35043193:36.1, 26843545600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 70086387:12.1, 53687091200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 140172774:24.1, 107374182400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 280345548:48.1, 214748364800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 560691097:36.1, 429496729600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 1121382194:12.1, 858993459200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 2242764388:24.1, 1717986918400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 4485528776:48.1, 3435973836800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 8971057552:12.1, 6871947673600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 17942115104:24.1, 13743895347200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 35884230208:48.1, 27487790694400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 71768460416:12.1, 54975581388800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 143536920832:24.1, 109951162777600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 287073841664:48.1, 219902325555200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 574147683328:12.1, 439804651110400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 1148295366656:24.1, 879609302220800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 2296590733312:48.1, 1759218604441600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 4593181466624:12.1, 3518437208883200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 9186362933248:24.1, 7036874417766400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 18372725866496:48.1, 14073748835532800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 36745451732992:12.1, 28147497671065600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 73490903465984:24.1, 56294995342131200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 146981806931968:48.1, 112589990684262400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 293963613863936:12.1, 225179981368524800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 587927227727872:24.1, 450359962737049600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 1175854455455744:48.1, 900719925474099200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 2351708910911488:12.1, 1801439850948198400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 4703417821822976:24.1, 3602879701896396800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 9406835643645952:48.1, 7205759403792793600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 18813671287291904:12.1, 14411518807585587200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 37627342574583808:24.1, 28823037615171174400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 75254685149167616:48.1, 57646075230342348800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 150509370298335232:12.1, 115292150460684697600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 301018740596670464:24.1, 230584300921369395200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 602037481193340928:48.1, 461168601842738790400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 1204074962386681856:12.1, 922337203685477580800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 2408149924773363712:24.1, 1844674407370955161600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 4816299849546727424:48.1, 3689348814741910323200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 9632599699093454848:12.1, 7378697629483820646400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 19265199398186909696:24.1, 14757395258967641292800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 38530398796373819392:48.1, 29514790517935282585600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 77060797592747638784:12.1, 59029581035870565171200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 154121595185495277568:24.1, 118059162071741130342400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 308243190370990555136:48.1, 236118324143482260684800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 616486380741981110272:12.1, 472236648286964521369600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 1232972761483962220544:24.1, 944473296573929042739200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 2465945522967924441088:48.1, 1888946593147858085478400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 4931891045935848882176:12.1, 3777893186295716170956800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 9863782091871697764352:24.1, 7555786372591432341913600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 19727564183743395528704:48.1, 15111572745182864683827200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 39455128367486791057408:12.1, 30223145490365729367654400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 78910256734973582114816:24.1, 60446290980731458735308800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 157820513469947164229632:48.1, 120892581961462917470617600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 315641026939894328459264:12.1, 241785163922925834941235200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 631282053879788656918528:24.1, 483570327845851669882470400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 1262564107759577313837056:48.1, 967140655691703339764940800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 2525128215519154627674112:12.1, 1934281311383406679529881600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 5050256431038309255348224:24.1, 3868562622766813359059763200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 10100512862076618510696448:48.1, 7737125245533626718119526400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 20201025724153237021392896:12.1, 1547425049106725343623916800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 40402051448306474042785792:24.1, 3094850098213450687247833600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 80804102896612948085571584:48.1, 6189700196426901374495667200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 161608205793225896171143168:12.1, 12379400392853802748991334400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 323216411586451792342286336:24.1, 24758800785707605497982668800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 646432823172903584684572672:48.1, 49517601571415210995965337600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 1292865646345807169369145344:12.1, 99035203142830421991930667200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 2585731292691614338738290688:24.1, 198070406285660843983861337600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 5171462585383228677476581376:48.1, 396140812571321687967722675200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 10342925170766457354953162752:12.1, 792281625142643375935445350400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 20685850341532914709906325504:24.1, 1584563250285286751870890700800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 41371700683065829419812651008:48.1, 3169126500570573503741781401600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 82743401366131658839625302016:12.1, 6338253001141147007483562803200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 165486802732263317679250604032:24.1, 12676506002282294014967125606400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 330973605464526635358501208064:48.1, 25353012004564588029934251212800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 661947210929053270717002416128:12.1, 50706024009129176059868502425600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 1323894421858106541434004832256:24.1, 101412048018258352119737096851200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 2647788843716213082868009664512:48.1, 202824096036516704239474193702400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 5295577687432426165736019328024:12.1, 405648192073033408478948387404800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 10591155374864852331472038648048:24.1, 811296384146066816957896774809600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 21182310749729704662944077296096:48.1, 1622592768292133633915793549619200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 42364621499459409325888154592192:12.1, 3245185536584267267831587099238400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 84729242998918818651777309184384:24.1, 64903710731685345356631741984777600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 169458485997837637303554618368768:48.1, 12980742146337069071326348373753600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 338916971995675274607109236737536:12.1, 25961484292674138142652696747507200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 677833943991350549214218473475072:24.1, 51922968585348276285305393495014400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 1355667887982701098428436946950144:48.1, 103845937170696552570610787390028800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 2711335775965402196856873893900288:12.1, 207691874341393105141221574780057600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 5422671551930804393713747787800576:24.1, 415383748682786210282443149560115200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 10845343103861608787427495575601152:48.1, 830767497365572420564886299120230400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 21690686207723217574854991151202304:12.1, 1661534994731144841129772598240460800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 43381374415446435149709982302404608:24.1, 3323069989462289682259545196480921600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 86762748830892870299419964604809216:48.1, 6646139978924579364519090392961843200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 173525497661785740598839929209618432:12.1, 13292279957849158729038180785923686400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 346850995323571481197679858419236864:24.1, 26584559915698317458076361571847372800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 691701990647142962395359716838473728:48.1, 53169119831396634916152723143694745600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 137925398131785740598839929209618432:12.1, 106338239662793269832305446287389478400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 275850796263571481197679858419236864:24.1, 212676479325586539664610892574778956800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 551701592527142962395359716838473728:48.1, 425352958651173079329221785149557913600m: Steve Nouri (USA) 107925398131785740598839929209618432:12.1, 850705917302346158658443570299115827200m: Steve Nouri (USA) 215850796263571481197679858419236864:24.1, 1701411834604692317316887140598231654400m: Steve Nouri (USA) 431701592527142962395359716838473728:48.1, 3402823669209384634633774281196463308800m: Steve Nouri (USA) 863403185054285924785679433638947456:12.1, 680

Zia might intervene to save tour



Playing the waiting game: Bored England players and management remained at the Faisalabad ground until play was due to finish, lest it was said they were refusing to play on the third day of the second Test

Question mark over Gattings' future

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Faisalabad

There was still no sign last night of an end to the deadlock which had prevented any play on the third day of the second Test match against Pakistan and threats to bring the England tour to a premature end. Having driven the 100 miles from here to Lahore, in the hope of meeting General Sufhar Butt, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan, Peter Lush, the England manager, found he had gone out to dinner.

That nicely summed up a day of non-co-operation from which no one, as far as I can see, emerges with credit, and which can only have done great damage to the game. All that was needed to get the Test match re-started was an exchange of apologies between Mike Gatting, the England captain, and the umpire, Shakoor Rana, concerning the row they had had in the last over on Tuesday. Instead, both were inordinately stubborn.

Until Lush found the General had gone out there was a

chance of an agreement being reached whereby yesterday would have been seen as the rest day and the match could have continued today, which is the scheduled rest day. But there is no possibility of that now, and unless by tonight the two sides have managed to resolve their differences nothing will be served by the England team remaining in Pakistan.

It is a deplorable state of affairs, unparalleled in the history of cricket. Rather than the matter having been settled on Tuesday night, as should at least have been attempted, attitudes were allowed to harden and resentments to ferment. By the time everybody got together yesterday morning, Shakoor having refused to umpire until an apology was forthcoming from Gatting, play was due to start in half an hour, and the longer they talked the bleaker the outlook became.

Abandonment of series is without precedent

England and Pakistan are in danger of creating cricket history by abandoning a series because of an on-the-field incident.

The last series to end prematurely was in Sri Lanka earlier this year when New Zealand returned home after one Test because of civil disorder.

A Test between the West Indies and England in 1981 was cancelled when Guyana refused to admit the fast bowler, Robin Jackman, because of his sporting links with South Africa.

In 1969 England, under Colin Cowdrey, cut short their tour of Pakistan when rioting students, unhappy about the formation of Bangladesh, halted the third Test in Karachi.

But the only incident similar to this present one occurred at Birmingham in 1973 when the umpire, Arthur Fagg, refused to officiate and demanded an apology at the start of play on the third day because of dissent shown earlier by the West Indies captain, Kanhai.

Fagg, however, resumed his position after just one over.

CRISIS IN



CRICKET

joined at various times by the umpires and the captains, and once by Salim Malik, who confirmed that Gatting, from backward short leg, had indeed warned him during the fateful over that he was bringing long leg in to save the single. The trouble had blown up when Shakoor, umpiring at square leg, upbraided Gatting for having changed his field after his run-up.

At around 10.30 yesterday (play should have started at 10.0) Gatting agreed to give an apology in writing to Shakoor, so long as Shakoor in return apologised to him for having said he was cheating. The

Spectrum, page 14
Leading article, page 17

England players, meanwhile, assured Gatting of their fullest support. Already everyone was over-reacting, no one more than Shakoor when, with the Pakistan Board's tacit approval, he now said that on no account was he prepared to match Gatting's apology with one of his own.

That Gatting had abused Shakoor was not in question. Shakoor, however, denied that he had said Gatting was "cheating". What he had done was "accused him of infringing Law 42 covering fair and unfair play". Several England players will vow not only that Shakoor called Gatting a

cheat, but that he was abusive as well. Inferentially, too, Lush and Mickey Stewart are behind Gatting in wanting to have his name cleared of cheating. Had Lush, as team manager, thought otherwise, he possesses the authority to have ordered Gatting to apologise and to consider the matter closed.

However, frustrated and resentful the England team may have come to feel, and with whatever justification, there can be no excuse for their captain having lost his temper with an umpire. Because Gatting did, a question mark must inevitably hang over his future. I do so wish he could have swallowed his pride and that Lush and Stewart had urged him more strongly to do so than I think they can have.

I know what their defence will be. They will say, quite unequivocally, that the umpires have not been controlling the game "with absolute impartiality" as the laws of cricket require. There is no doubt they think so; but it is a serious charge, and almost impossible to prove. They will say that there comes a time when a team can stand no more deceit, no more duplicity.

But the way to prevail is to humiliate the Pakistani (what a lesson Ken Berrington could have given them in that). And whatever injustices they may think they had endured on Tuesday they had still got themselves into a winning position. The game, anyway, is much bigger than any squabble in Faisalabad.

There was something grotesque yesterday about the way grown men representing their countries at cricket of all games behaved as though it was a cold war, while a few hundred spectators sat patiently in the sun, and Javed Miandad bustled around stir-

ring things up (one fancied there would have been a prompt enough start had Pakistan been winning) and the teams kept their distance yet made pretentious gestures. At 10.0 o'clock England took the field with French fully padded up although the pitch had not even been rolled or the stumps pitched. They stayed on the ground until play was due to finish, lest it was said they were "refusing to play".

The British ambassador offered his services early on, should they be needed. Lush spoke more than once to Lord's and occasionally briefed the Press. We had curry and rice for lunch and lunched in the outfield, knowing that the more entrenched they became, the less chance there was of the two sides coming to their senses. At three o'clock the Secretary of the Pakistan Board set off for Lahore without so much as a word to the England manager.

An hour later the England manager went after him, only to find when he got there that there was no one at home. I tend to think that for better or worse the tour may yet go on, quite possibly at General Zia, the President's instigation. It will reflect badly on Pakistan, on England if it is abandoned, and they will not want that. Already no one much wants to tour here, not because it is uncomfortable, which it is not, but because of the bad blood that seems invariably to be engendered.

When neutral umpires are introduced, as they must be, that may change. One expects to read of Pakistan and India, or of Sri Lanka and India or Pakistan having these ridiculous bust-ups; but not of England doing so, whatever they may think of Shakoor. (The last time I saw him was at the 1981 World Cup in England. He was a good umpire, but he seems to have let things slide.)

Opinion split over need to conclude tour

By Ivo Tennant

Gatting has made a mess of it and should be disciplined," Illingworth and Keith Fletcher said it would be going too far to take the captaincy from Gatting. "If the umpire had told me I was a cheat, I might have said a few things back. It is ridiculous for such an incompetent umpire to accuse Gatting of that," Illingworth said.

"Both sides must be instructed not to talk to the umpires and the administrators must appoint the best two they have. It is time that countries such as Pakistan appointed a panel of full time umpires."

Others claimed it was time that neutral umpires were appointed. Graveney said the umpiring was bad enough when he toured Pakistan in 1951. "They have been cheating us for 37 years and I think the tour should be called off immediately," he said.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, said in the House of Commons on Tuesday night that "blowing of the authority of umpires and referees cannot be excused in any circumstances."

Anthony Beaumont-Dark, the Tory MP, said England should come home "before one of our cricketers gets murdered."

"Every effort should be made for the tour to continue. Cricket is a game and the private sensibilities of players should not come into account. Regardless of the provocation,

Howell's support for umpire

Speaking after the incidents in Pakistan, but before the loss of a day's play was known yesterday, Denis Howell, the former Minister for Sport, said in a House of Commons debate on sport, without referring specifically to the match: "Sport can only be run on the basis that the referee must always be right, even when he is wrong."

"I say that as a referee of 20 years, I made many mistakes, but not half as many as the players I was refereeing, who never seemed to acknowledge any. We must support the authority of the umpire or referee."

Jack Flye dies

Jack Flye, the highly respected chairman of the Abacus Welsh League, has died at his home in Llanwrthwl. Mr Flye, aged 58, was well-known for his sporting activities - he was a cricket umpire and a football official of long-standing.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Pons badly injured

Franck Pons, of France, fell during practice for Saturday's world cup downhill skiing race in Val Gardena, Italy, yesterday, and was taken to hospital with a suspected broken vertebra in the neck. Race organisers said that Pons, aged 23, was undergoing tests in a Bolzano hospital, 40km away, but did not appear to have suffered any paralysis.

The top story

Ben Johnson's world record-smashing dash in the 100 metres in Rome was the top sports story of 1987, according to an Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters on four continents. Second was Mike Tyson's unification of the three world heavyweight boxing titles and third was the West German Steffi Graf's rise to the top of women's tennis.

Board warning

Gary Davidson, the boxing promoter, was severely reprimanded by the British Boxing Board last night for providing a bookmaker at a title promotion last month, but gave no undertaking that he would not do the same again.

Title bouts

Pierre Joly, of France, will meet Miguel Angel Suarez, of Spain, in Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, on December 18, for the European middleweight boxing title which was vacated by Sumbo Kalambay, of Italy, who won the World Boxing Association title in October. Thierry Jacob and Fabrice Benichou, both of France, are to meet in Calais in January for the European bantamweight title left vacant by Louis Gomis, who is due to challenge Kevin Sedbrooks, of the United States, for the International Boxing Federation title on February 6.

Doping bill

The French cabinet adopted a draft bill yesterday containing broader powers to combat doping in sport. The bill, which needs parliamentary approval, was presented by Christian Bergelin, the Secretary of State for Youth and Sport, who said there would be new provisions for random dope tests, both in training and competition. The bill also gives the Sports Minister power to take direct action.

Winning start

Franz Peter Roetsch, of East Germany, the world biathlon champion, yesterday won the opening event of the season, the Sartor Cup, near Passo Rolle in the Italian Dolomites. Roetsch had 33.49 points in the competition, a combination of cross country skiing and shooting. Another East German, Andre Schmirch, placed second with 34.26.

END COLUMN

A team torn between morals

By David Miller

Cricket's crisis in Faisalabad is synonymous with the general crisis throughout sport. If it is not worth playing at all, the management of the England Test team is in an impossible position at this moment, torn between its responsibilities to the sport and any attempt to maintain international diplomacy.

There is no question, in my opinion, that the behaviour of Mike Gatting, England's determined but perhaps too-introspective captain, towards the umpire at the end of the second day's play on Tuesday was so extreme, even though under provocation, as to justify his removal from leadership of the team: especially in the light of the Test and County Cricket Board warnings to all players on behaviour.

The consequence of such a decision by Peter Lush and Mickey Stewart would, of course, be for the rest of the team to refuse to play, out of what they would call professional loyalty to a captain whom they believe was attempting to protect them, and his, rights.

The only solution, therefore, is for England to withdraw from the rest of the tour, and return home, never mind the financial cost. This can be argued about later. No other decision is capable of defusing the confrontation between a captain who believes cheating is part of sport and English professionals determined to win within the laws. A shade too determined, it has to be said.

When the behaviour of an England captain cannot be guaranteed, because the home umpires are intolerably biased and incompetent, the England team should not take the field. This surely is the moment when the historic tradition of impartiality of the host nation's umpires comes to an end. In no other major spectator sport could such impartiality have survived even as long as it has in cricket.

Returning home would avert any possible recurrence of Tuesday's deplorable incident and would serve to show Pakistan - and for that matter



Haseeb Ahsan: cheating talk

any other nation - that England is not prepared to play under such conditions of moral duress.

Now is the moment, once and for all, to demonstrate that we will not tolerate both the interference of our own captain and a persistent lack of sportsmanship by both Miandad, the Pakistan captain, and by the umpire.

The present crisis seems to be far more damaging to the name of cricket than was the Bodyline issue over half a century ago: basically a technical as much as moral argument on whether Bradman's tactics against Bradman were legitimate or not.

That was in a different era, when questions of sportsmanship were infinitely more sensitive than they are today. Far less has been made in the contemporary era about West Indies' bowlers aiming at the heads of anyone and everyone.

Pakistan have had too many chances to mend their ways. The New Zealanders have previously walked off the pitch against them. Botham has come home early and mischievously said that Pakistan was a good place to send one's mother-in-law. It was only last season that Haseeb Ahsan, their team manager in England, stated that cheating was part of the game. If they believe this, there is no point in keeping their company any longer and an England withdrawal would send reverberations throughout the world of sport which might be immensely beneficial.

However, there must be no ducking the dismay widely felt here at home at Gatting's loss of dignity.

It is regrettable, I must say, that the sophistication of media technology has played its part in the controversy. There is no place in international sport for the sort of microphones which can pick up players' comments in the middle of the cricket pitch. Yet what we saw of Gatting's behaviour, never mind what we heard, is sufficient to require his suspension.

Don't renew your HOME CONTENTS INSURANCE until you've rung 0800 919 319 ask for extension 931 for a FREE quotation

Now there's a simple, safer way to protect your home and contents. Your answers to a few simple questions on the phone are usually all we need to give you an on-the-spot quotation. Better be safe than sorry ring today. Your phone call is free.

FREE Bero Detective Security Pen.
Mark your precious possessions with the Bero pen's special ink which can only be seen under ultra violet light. It's yours free, simply for requesting a no-obligation quotation.

To AA Insurance Services Ltd, Freeport, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 2JQ. I'd like a free quotation.

Number of Bedrooms My post code is

Renewal month (if applicable)

Are you over 60? YES/NO

Mr/Ms/Miss

Address

Phone No. (day) (Home)

AA Insurance Services Ltd, Freeport, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 2JQ. I'd like a free quotation. AA Insurance Services Ltd, Freeport, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 2JQ. I'd like a free quotation.

هنا من الصل